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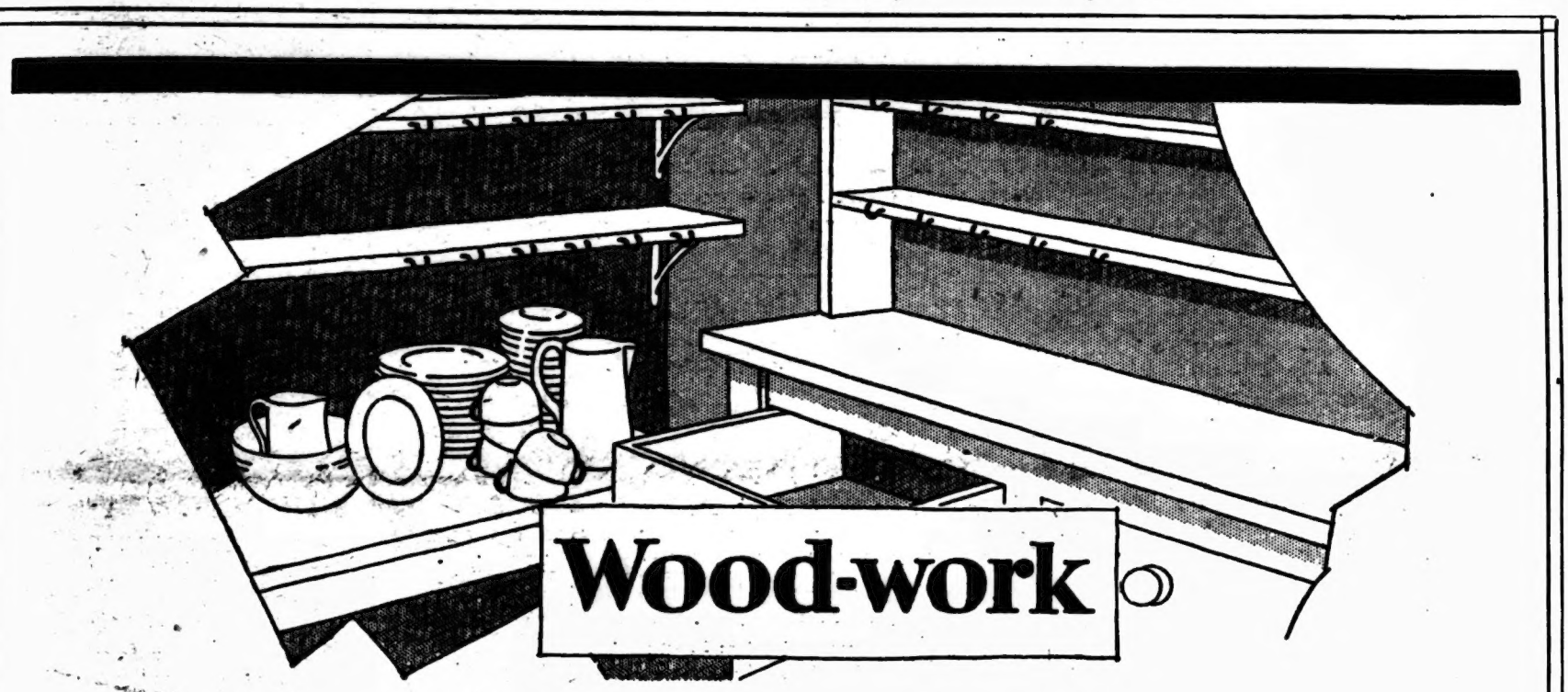

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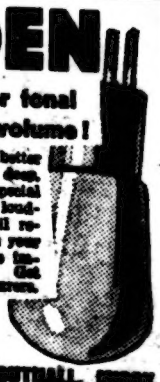

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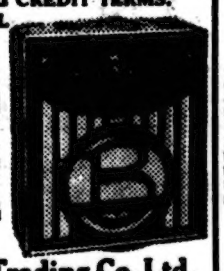

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THE Government has privately assured its supporters that, no matter what attitude is taken up by the mineowners, the coal legislation will be proceeded with all the same.

There will be no giving way on the hours question, the marketing reorganisation will be definitely made compulsory, and the more awkward the attitude adopted by the owners, the more stringent will be the conditions imposed under the National Board.

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At present, the Government firmly believes that the change from eight hours to seven and a half next April will be effected without a stoppage of the mines.

But if the owners should declare a lock-out, *the mines will go on working.*

Royal reforms

The new year is likely to see some heartburning in the immediate inner circles of the Royal household.

Various economies are contemplated. No one dislikes abolishing ancient institutions more than our Royal Family, but some of the jobs now in existence are hopelessly obsolete and not even picturesque.

Emptiness peril

The loss of the s.s. *Molesey* on the Pembrokeshire coast, with a toll of eight lives, again raises the question of the light load-line.

A job for Mr. Butler Aspinall, who presided over the "Vestris" enquiry

An empty ship may be just as unseaworthy in rough seas as an overloaded one.

Sometimes it rides so high that the propellers cannot grip the water.

How soon will an enquiry into the cause of the *Molesey* disaster be held? There is no need to wait months until witnesses are scattered and public interest has abated.

The actual cause of the steamer's loss must be ascertained at once.

Bad for the bad men

There is a host of rogues in London who are not at all pleased about the resumption of diplomatic relations with Russia. The arrival of the Soviet Ambassador will mean that most of them will shortly be leaving England for good.

These people are undesirable aliens claiming Russian origin. They have engaged in all sorts of criminal activities and are constantly watched by the police.

It has been impossible hitherto to secure the deportation of these aliens while diplomatic relations have been suspended. With a Russian Ambassador in London the hands of the Home Office will no longer be tied.

Jail Floggings Mystery

Secret floggings

Secret flogging for breaches of prison discipline is still in force. Most people are under the impression that a man can only be flogged in pursuance of the sentence of a court; but this is not so.

Last year, for instance, in addition to twenty men who were flogged in accordance with sentences passed upon them at their trial, ten men were flogged for breaches of discipline.

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According to the Home Office, authority for these secret floggings is given by a visiting committee or a "board of visitors for prison offences."

Who are these people? Mr. Clynes may expect some pointed questions.

Record risk

There are feelers out on the London insurance market for policies on the big Italian liners, *Guglielmo Marconi* and *Conte Azurro*, which are going to cost £3,000,000 apiece to build, the greatest insurance risk ever demanded for a merchant vessel.

Since British underwriters lost heavily on the *Europa*, which was gutted out at Hamburg, it will be difficult for the Italians to secure cover.

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That, however, will not handicap the ambitions of Mussolini, who is determined to see the Italian flag predominant in the North and the South Atlantic.

Air and water

"To beat the book" in the Atlantic Handicap, Italy has ordered two great sea-going flying-ships from the Dornier Company, each to carry mails and 120 passengers, to meet the North and South Atlantic greyhounds several hundred miles west of Gibraltar.

The big rock is to be the terminus for an air-service to the eastern ports of the Mediterranean; south to Dakar, Brazil, Argentina and Chile, and north to Madrid, Lisbon, Paris and Berlin.

Insurance invasion

The big American insurance companies are planning a grand attack on Europe, and branch offices may be shortly expected to open in London.

They will offer more favourable terms to clients, and expect to attract much business.

America is insurance mad. It is the highest insured country in the world, with a total life assurance per head of the population four times that of Britain.

Watch for a battle-royal.

In the oven

Mr. Clynes' Factory Bill is almost ready for publication. It proposes to make sweeping reforms in several directions.

The Bill will prohibit night baking, compel employers to provide better washing, sanitary and welfare facilities, require a more careful guarding and inspection of dangerous machinery and protect piece-rate workers against exploitation through their having no proper facilities for measuring their output.

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The measure will also prohibit the employment of young people on night shifts, compel the observance of a forty-eight-hour week for women workers, and strictly limit the circumstances under which women may be required to work overtime.

Mr. Clynes hopes to get the Bill on the Statute-book before Budget day.

U.S. Merger Victory

It is so

Look out for the announcement of a merger between the General Electric Company and the American-controlled Associated Electrical Industries before long.

Sir Hugo Hirst. He was right

We forecast that such a merger would follow when Sir Hugo Hirst, chairman of the G.E.C., was defeated in his attempt to prevent American share control of his company.

The arrangements for a merger are now almost complete.

Unless there is some unlikely hitch, it will mean that the biggest part of the heavy electrical industry will be under American control, and that most of the profits from the orders under the Central Electricity Board scheme will go to America.

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We pointed out this danger before, but practically every other paper of importance in the country attacked Sir Hugo Hirst for trying to maintain British control.

We hope they will be satisfied when the merger is completed.

Pass, friend!

The Chief of Scotland Yard should investigate immediately the circumstances in which an American criminal staying in London recently obtained a passport and left the country while criminal proceedings were pending against him.

This man cleverly appealed against a sentence passed upon him at Marlborough Street, and was actually on bail when he made his escape.

His is only one of many recent cases, and it is significant that he was in close touch with a number of high-pressure share-pushers, one of whom was fined at the Guildhall the other day for bribing a police officer in an attempt to procure passports for aliens.

Speeding-up

Mr. Thomas is going to ante-date a large amount of electrical development work. In the ordinary course of events, more than £100,000,000 would be spent in the next five years on the new transmission and distribution systems.

Attempts are to be made to crowd this work into the next two years—mainly assisted wiring schemes and large extensions of hire-purchase.

Bombs from the grave

Although the earth has hardly settled on the mortal remains of Clemenceau, arrangements are already afoot to publish a volume of his private war-papers.

These have never been destroyed; neither has a line been deleted. This is all to the good, for you cannot expurgate a volcano.

How the present French Government may view such a publication is, of course, not our affair.

Indecision

In Mr. Thomas' talks with the motor-car manufacturers he is unable to make any definite promises concerning either the horse-power taxes or the McKenna duties.

The manufacturers want assurances on these points before they tackle the overseas markets.

Meanwhile this week's International Motor-car Manufacturers' Conference in Brussels, attended by all the big European firms, will attempt to devise a quota system for the limitation of American cars imported into Europe.

Frozen wealth

The American reply to a British note concerning sovereignty in the Antarctic is causing the Foreign Office much uneasiness.

Without actually contesting the British title to the lands in which the Byrd expedition is now active, the United States Government fully reserves its decision in the matter.

The lands in question include Enderby Land, Kemp Land, Queen Mary Land, King George V. Land and Oates Land—*and they are believed to contain vast mineral riches.*

Was it us?

Now that the repercussions of the Wall Street crash are gradually subsiding, it is becoming clear that of all European countries Germany was the chief sufferer.

The ill-wind is, however, likely to blow good to this country by dispelling abroad the impression that Wall Street had become the world's financial centre.

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It is now commonly believed in Berlin that the crash was directly due to the rise in the English bank-rate. From which it is deduced that the British financial lion is still an uncommonly powerful animal.

Insurance for fishermen

We hear that Mr. W. M. Adamson, Secretary of State for Scotland, is in negotiation with one of the big insurance companies with the object of working out some comprehensive scheme of insurance for fishermen.

The idea is to give an insurance scheme which will not only cover the fishermen's boats and nets, but which will give some protection against all the risks of their hazardous occupation.

The need for this is shown in the disaster which overtook the Scottish herring-fleet off the coast of East Anglia during the big gale recently. Many of the fishermen have had to return to their home ports bankrupt.

What fools are we!

Swedish Government representatives are over here seeking the co-operation of British railway companies in the establishment of a Swedish express-train ferry service thrice weekly between Gothenburg and Immingham.

Three 9,000-ton steamers will make the journey in about thirty hours, and bring over truck-loads of eggs, bacon, butter, cheese, paper-pulp. machinery, door and window frames and surplus manufactured goods of all kinds.

Massive ice-breakers will be needed to clear the sea lanes. And it is highly probable that all the construction work will be done in Germany.

What does Mr. Thomas think about it?

All-British tankers

Work is now assured for several thousand men in the shipbuilding trade on the Tees for the winter months.

British and French firms have placed orders. Seven oil-tankers, the largest of 16,000 tons, are to be built with British steel and engines.

This stipulation is one on which all patriotic firms should insist when accepting tenders. During the past few years there has been far too much cheap German steel used.

Wayagamack

Among the fifteen private companies to the boards of which the Government appoints directors is a mysterious concern styling itself the Wayagamack News.

It has received Treasury guarantees under the Trade Facilities Act. but the Treasury is itself not very clear what the Wayagamack News is—or are.

Treasury officials said "It might be a newspaper or, on the other hand, it might not. It *might* be in Canada." One said he thought it was a paper-manufacturing concern.

It all seems rather vague: but, then, what are a paltry few thousands!

Poison money

According to data given in the House of Commons, the export of opium from India, which is one of the principal opium-producing countries in the world, has increased appreciably in the last four or five years.

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The latest figures available show that there are 4,885 acres of opium poppy in cultivation there, and that 6,778 chests of opium were exported last year to Far Eastern countries.

The Government of India can hardly be proud of the fact that it makes an annual profit of nearly £3,000,000 by selling this deadly drug to its semi-civilised neighbours.

Maimed men

The Ministry of Pensions persists in its attitude of depriving a large number of armless and legless ex-soldiers of arrears of pension to which they are legally entitled.

Four months ago, and not for the first time, we made strong representations to the authorities regarding this matter. We have been informed that "the circumstances of each case must be fully considered and decided on their merits."

We cannot accept this ruling.

The Ministry knows perfectly well that arrears from September 3, 1919, should be paid in every case where the length of a man's stump entitles him to an increased pension, and they were, in fact, paid up to June, 1927.

We look to Mr. Roberts to remedy this injustice without delay.

"If You See It—" *continued*

Bricklayer's son

The reduction in the number of elementary schoolboys accepted by Dulwich College marks the spread of snobbishness in our lesser public schools.

Dulwich was originally founded by the son of an innkeeper, and was intended for the education of boys of poor folk. Eton itself was built originally for poor and indigent scholars.

Genius is almost the monopoly of that class which Dulwich seeks to boycott. The most illustrious pupil of ancient Westminster was named Ben Jonson. He was the son of an East End bricklayer.

But not Britain

Why is not our aircraft industry cutting into the world market for tri-motored type aeroplanes? Captain Barnard tells us that we have no British make of this type, for which orders are pouring in daily—and going elsewhere.

He soys we have none of this type

The latest example comes from South Africa. The Union has recently organised a national air service and the small British type of machines now operating is being replaced by tri-motored Junkers.

General Motors, an American organisation, which has the licence to build this type in Europe, is assisting in the finance of the South African scheme.

Scanty

It is not only in the lower ranks of the public service that we find insufficient reward for duty faithfully performed.

Sir Herbert Austin, the Clerk to the Central Criminal Court, who was found shot in his office at the Old Bailey last April, left a widow in desperate financial straits.

The City Corporation, moved to compassion, solemnly sat and considered the question—and donated £50. How long will that last? And what then?

Purely decorative

The committee appointed some months ago to enquire into British salesmanship has just issued a strangely uninformative interim report, covering the marketing of goods overseas.

While the defects of our salesmen are roundly stated, nothing is said in the report about the eyes and nerves of our export trade—the Consular and Diplomatic officials who are entrusted with the study and promotion of our commercial interests abroad.

Practically all of these officials have no commercial training, and some of them do not even know the languages of the countries in which they are active.

For Jack Tars

The Admiralty's decision to abolish the restrictions on the distance Naval ratings are allowed to travel from their ship when on first leave is a sensible one.

Many Jack Tars now have their own motor-bikes, and even small cars, [illegible] they will not be the only ones to benefit. Their less fortunate shipmates, who cannot afford these luxuries, will be given the benefit of additional travelling facilities.

About time

A movement has been started in the House of Commons to secure the appointment of a Select Committee to enquire into all the aspects of stag-hunting.

The signatories are representative of all Parties in the House of Commons. We hope that a complete investigation will be made. A thorough enquiry is long overdue, as readers of JOHN BULL know well.

Worth a thought

The Government has a number of white elephants in the shape of powder factories on its hands, and doesn't seem to know what to do with them. For instance, that at Stratton St. Margaret's, near Swindon, has been idle since the war.

Now the local Employment Committee is drawing Mr. Lansbury's attention to the fact that the factory might be used for peace-time purposes. There are over 1,000 unemployed in Swindon.

Five months

It was stated in the House of Commons on May 1, 1929, that the average time taken in deciding claims for old-age pensions is forty days.

At the beginning of June last, Mr. A. E. Woodham, a Croydon reader, applied for a pension and, after five months, the only information he could obtain was that his claim was receiving attention.

When we wrote to the authorities his pension was paid within ten days.

The Minister of Health must give this case his personal attention and take steps to ensure that similar delays do not occur in the future.

Separated

Some time ago we drew the attention of our readers and of the British Foreign Office to the sad case of Mrs. Thelma Gillis.

"We appeal to her"

This poor British woman is married to a scoundrel who maltreated her vilely, was false to her, and deserted her in America. There she obtained an order of the court giving her the custody of her baby girl.

On the flimsiest pretext she was deported and the child withheld from her.

The Foreign Office has done nothing. We appeal to Miss Ellen Wilkinson, who has promised to take up the case, to see that justice is done.

Strap-hung

Motor-'bus drivers and conductors have to show capacity figures for all hours or risk the sack. But overloading can become a scandal.

At Derby County Police Court five defendants were fined from £2 to £3 each for gross overcrowding.

One driver carried forty passengers on a twenty-passenger 'bus; a second carried fifteen, and a third twenty-two in excess of the statutory number.

In the event of an accident involving injury or death, would the insurance companies pay? And, if not, who would?

Night club in the air

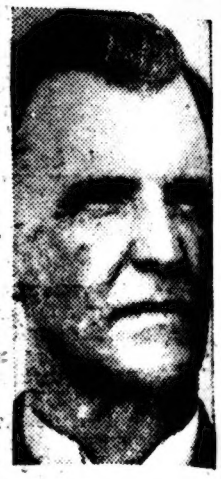
A number of British and Continental experts in all sorts of "high flying" are seeking to promote a private company for the purpose of building a night club airship."

This crazy craft would be fitted out as a sort of aerial "Ciro," and would cruise over London from midnight until dawn.

There are always some folk ready to find money for nonsense, and the scheme may materialise.

Done down under

The new Australian tariff is a severe blow to British industrialists. The North of England textile manufacturers will be the greatest sufferers.



Mr. Scullin is the Australian Prime Minister

The debate brought about in the Australian House of Representatives by the council of the Australian Association of British Manufacturers was not very helpful.

The Australian Minister of Customs stated that British industrialists were solving their difficulties by establishing branch factories in Australia, and that in recent years one hundred interests had done this.

The obvious reply was made to the effect that the British Government might, with equal reason, expect Australian exporters to produce their fruit, meat and wool in England in the future.

The ultimate test

Two schemes to restrict production of essential commodities, rubber and tin, have broken down.

The various steel and other cartels created on the Continent for the same purpose are now faced with a crisis.

It is time industrialists realised that restriction of output to create higher prices never come off in the long run. To succeed you must play fair with the consumer.

A long beat

The increase in the number of Royal Marine Police in the dockyards has contributed towards restoring the Metropolitan Police Force—from whom the dockyard police were recruited—to its normal strength.

There are still in the dockyards a large number of Metropolitan policemen, though there appears to be no reason why they should not be restored to their normal duties.

An explanation

In our issue of November 23, we published an article, "Beware of the Man from Sing Sing," and referred to a Mr. Alfred Burridge.

We have received a letter from Mr. E. A. R. Llewellyn, solicitor, of 11/12, Acton Broadway, W., who has been consulted by his client, Mr. A. S. Burridge, of 375, Uxbridge Road, Acton, whom he states is a respected local tradesman, and that his client had instructed him to say that he had had no association of any sort or kind with the party referred to in the said article.

We are satisfied that this is correct in every detail, and take this opportunity of expressing our great regret of any personal annoyance to his client that may have resulted from the publicity of the said article.

Little to earn

Mr. J. R. Fuller, Surveyor of Customs, who enquired into the death by drowning of W. J. Wright, a young dock-hand on a Lowestoft smack, is quite right in saying that the wearing of rubber sea-boots has been responsible for many accidents.

But how can he expect underpaid fishermen who can just afford £1 15s. for the rubbers to invest nearly £5 in leather sea-boots?

How I Conquered Blindness

Captain Fraser's blindness has become less and less a burden to him: Romping with daughter Jean. Inset, Mrs. Fraser

by CAPTAIN IAN FRASER

"I AM sorry to have to tell you, Fraser, that your eyes are going to be of no further use to you. In fact, they had to remove one in France immediately after your wound, and the other has now collapsed. I need not say——" The rest of the sentence I did not hear, or if I did, I do not remember it.

These hard words were spoken to me in August, 1916, by the ophthalmic surgeon to the No. 2 London General Hospital, to which I had been invalided from my battalion, the 1/4th Glosters.

Hard words, and yet at the time, by a curious paradox, consoling. It seemed better to know the worst than to go on worrying about it. Nothing is so bad in this world as one thinks it is going to be.

I can remember wondering what it would be like to be blind. What happened to blind people in the class of society in which I had been brought up?

I remembered only the blind in the streets of London. Pathetic figures. This would not, I knew, be my lot in any circumstances; but what would I do? Thoughts of this sort tormented me a little, but sleep brought relief at frequent intervals.

Miserable, but—

AS my health improved I became more depressed by inactivity. My relations did every conceivable thing to help me. They did not overburden me with personal assistance; they had, unknown to me, visited Arthur Pearson's Hostel at St. Dunstan's, and obtained much good advice.

They read to me, they walked with me, they provided me with a pianola and a gramophone. I was well fed in spite of Government rationing, and had every comfort and attention. Nevertheless, I was miserable.

I can remember going to bed, when I was alone, switching on the electric light, groping about in the air for the lighted bulb and placing it in front of me in order vainly to see if I could not discern some glimmer of light.

I would lie awake at night and would come down in the morning ill-tempered, uncivil.

Since, in later years, I have come into contact with working men and women who have suffered unemployment, I have realised from my own experience how appalling and soul-destroying this curse of civilisation can be.

Here was I, young, not yet nineteen, physically fit, endowed with an active, curious mind and having the advantage of a good education, cut off from an exceedingly active world by a disability from which there appeared to be no escape.

I could easily have fallen a prey to the first pacifist agitator, and I have an intense sympathy with those who in similar circumstances are so affected.

I realised that I was like a child born into a new world where everything was strange, and where almost everything would have to be learned afresh.

I must learn to be interested in learning to be blind, and must, for some months at least, turn my mind to the novel problem of making my everyday life as normal as possible.

This good advice was given me by Sir Arthur Pearson, and though the temptation to look into the future when these things would have been learned was strong, I found considerable comfort in rigorously bringing myself back to the limited objective which he had set me.

The balm of work

THUS, after a further period of a few weeks' convalescence in the country, I came to St. Dunstan's and resided with Sir Arthur Pearson in one of the two large houses he had taken in Portland Place for the accommodation of the officers who had been blinded in the war.

Each morning I would go to St. Dunstan's for two or three hours' study, returning to Portland Place for lunch, then back to St. Dunstan's for an afternoon's work.

Though for some weeks, in common with most of my colleagues, I found it extremely difficult and fatiguing to concentrate for any length of time, I learned to type tolerably well, and to read Braille slowly before long.

Then came the offer of an interesting job—the organisation of a national after-care scheme for blinded soldiers. Restless by nature, however, I began to desire a life of wider activity, and in 1922 I won a seat on the London County Council.

After the greatly regretted death of Sir Arthur Pearson, I became chairman of St. Dunstan's.

On October 30, 1924, I was declared elected to the House of Commons for the division of North St. Pancras. I lost my seat last election, along with so many others. I shall go back to the House of Commons as soon as an opportunity arises, for I like the life of an M.P.

Though I found no difficulty in carrying out my House of Commons duties, reading Bills, reports, etc., attending committees or taking part in the debates, I encountered certain difficulties of which the sighted Member knows nothing.

A seat was reserved for me by special privilege. It was a corner seat, on the front bench below the gangway, as near as possible to the main door of the Chamber. To and from this seat I could go unaided.

The radiating, unsymmetrical passages which run out of the Members' lobby made it very difficult for a blind man to find his way about without assistance. However, I found the policemen very helpful. On other occasions a Member would give me an arm.

I determined to explore these passages and stairs myself and see how far I could journey without assistance. I chose times when there were few people about—such as an all-night sitting—and then followed these paths slowly, noting where there was a corner or a step, or where a door or cornice jutted out.

When first I was blinded I carried a stick wherever I went and hated to let it go. I would tap the floor in front of me and would diligently explore every corner with the end of the stick. My head would be bowed down upon my shoulders and I looked and felt as if I anticipated bumping it at any moment.

This nervousness passed quickly, however, and I soon found that there is no need to move about in this awkward and obviously blind manner. Now I never carry a stick in London, and only use it on a country walk.

Games and theatres

RECREATION and exercise are as necessary to the blind man as to one who can see. Opportunities, however, are limited, and I have had to concentrate upon the pastimes and sports which remain available.

These include riding, swimming, rowing, skating, walking and fishing, as outdoor interests; and bridge, theatre-going, dancing and wireless as indoor recreations, apart from listening to the reading of books.

As to bridge, it is possible for a blind man to make up a four without demanding more than a trifling consideration from his companions. The ordinary standard pack of cards is treated so that each card has two Braille characters embossed on opposite corners, one indicating the suit and the other the value of the card.

At the theatre I prefer a comedy to musical comedy or farce, and both are better than a revue, where there is so much dancing and where so much depends upon scenic effects.

Dancing is a favourite indoor recreation with me; and my wife and I occasionally go to private dances, or to dine and dance at one of the London hotels.

The blind male dancer must to some extent leave to his partner the matter of guidance so far as direction and speed are concerned. Girls soon accustom themselves to this.

As in so many other cases, what I term the "sense of obstacle" is an invaluable aid in dancing: surrounding noises, and the band, whose signals come from a fixed point, assist the blind man to know his direction and anticipate his partner's movements.

As to smoking, I am sure I gain as much enjoyment from my pipe or cigar as anyone else.

I have tried to give above a brief account of some of the activities in which I have been engaged since my blindness. I give them frankly in the hope that they may be of some use to thousands of others compelled to live in life-long darkness.

Not only my experience, but that of the hundreds of men who have been helped by St. Dunstan's goes to prove that no blind man or woman need abandon hope. If I have helped to prove this, and if I have helped to bring the work of St. Dunstan's to the notice of yet more people, I am well satisfied.

Ian Fraser

CANDID COMMUNICATIONS

Nightmare PEACE DREAMS

The Prince's New Role—And Now Noah's Benefit—Bitterness after Victory

The Hon. Sir ERIC DRUMMOND,
Secretary-General, League of Nations

HONOURABLE SIR,—The League of Nations will soon celebrate its tenth birthday. I find it has cost a great deal of money, and I would ask you if you can lay your hand on your heart and say it has all been worth it?

Some tiny squabbles have been adjusted, it is true, but I fear that you and your colleagues are still slumbering in a land of beautiful dreams.

One day there may be a rough awakening. There nearly was one such just lately.

Do you think, had the Russo-Chinese affair developed, you would have been able to intervene effectively?

Japan could not have stood by if the war had extended, and China had not submitted; and then heaven knows how far it would have gone.

Nightmares, not dreams, Sir Eric, should visit all of you in Geneva. You must get down to facts.

JOHN BULL.

H.R.H. The PRINCE OF WALES,
St. James's Pa'ace, S.W.

YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS.—I note with interest that you have just been busy buying, not a string of hunters, but a new library of books.

More and more we have seen you looking on life with serious eyes. You have seen life at first-hand in so many of its aspects, and now you are turning to learn what the great thinkers of the world make of it.

You will not share with your famous grandfather the sheer distaste for serious books due to the dreary moral tomes which good Prince Albert thrust upon him long after he was a man

JOHN BULL.

Viscount CECIL OF CHELWOOD,
16, South Eaton Place, S.W.

DEAR LORD CECIL,—I notice that you have become president of a committee of more or less distinguished English people formed to raise funds for the preservation of the Norwegian Dr. Nansen's polar exploration ship, the *Fram*.

Four thousand pounds is required, and no funds are available in Norway.

With every respect for Dr. Nansen's polar achievements thirty-six years ago, I cannot see what business it is of ours if his own countrymen do not consider it worth while making a sacrifice to preserve his old ship.

Whatever shall we be asked to contribute money for next—Noah's Ark?

JOHN BULL.

Mr. ALBERT GREEN,
Austral an Minister of Defence

DEAR SIR,—Your designation is much more in keeping with the ideals of civilisation than our own barbarous title of Secretary for War; and I congratulate you upon your decision to suspend compulsory military training throughout the Commonwealth.

Your statement that the Government is convinced that compulsion is not only incompatible with the ideals of the Australians but not essential for raising and maintaining an effective defence force is a hopeful sign of the times.

JOHN BULL.

P.C. ROSAM,
Y377, Metropolitan Police

DEAR ROSAM,—It has been said that heroism is half pluck and half presence of mind.

That was certainly true in your case, when, knowing nothing of how to drive a car, you jumped on the running-board of an empty car going full tilt to self-destruction and massacre down Holloway Road, and somehow brought it to a standstill.

You achieved the impossible, and you were so busy doing it that you never thought of the danger to yourself. I take off my hat.

JOHN BULL.

HARRY CROSSLEY,
Mexborough

DEAR HARRY,—Don't be discouraged by what the boxing experts are saying about your fight with Frank Moody. I know quite well why it was that, with the battle going all your own way, you did not go in for slaughter.

So many a time you had seen before the face of your old employer and sparring-partner in a bout which ended with a "Good boy, Harry!" from Frank that you just couldn't get fierce and sail in to wipe the smile off his familiar features.

I understand; they don't.

JOHN BULL.

Captain DAVID THOMSON,
Late ship "Garthpool"

DEAR CAPTAIN,—Everyone who has heard about the fate of the *Garthpool* and her stranding at Cape Verde will sympathise with you.

You were master of the last of a long line of "square-riggers" that has carried the Red Ensign for thirty-eight years.

You had the reputation of never losing a man or a spar; a record to be proud of.

Do you recall that time about a year ago when young James Maddocks was washed overboard? It seemed impossible to save him in that big sea. There was no gallery to applaud you.

You turned the *Garthpool* about, lowered a boat, and in less than half an hour had the lad on deck again.

You entered the occurrence in the official log in less than a dozen words, and hoped that was the last you would hear about it. It probably would have been had not your crew boasted about it. And so I heard.

JOHN BULL.

Earl RUSSELL,
50, Cleveland Square, W.

MY LORD,—I regard with misgiving the section of your Bill which provides for treatment without certification in institutions maintained by local authorities on the application of relatives of the person supposed to be mentally afflicted.

It is already much easier to get into such an institution than to get out, and the clause limiting the period of detention to six months does not appear to me to constitute an adequate safeguard.

Six months in some such institutions might well be all that was necessary to render a man certifiable.

JOHN BULL.

Councillor STARK,
Hull City Council

DEAR SIR,—I notice that you have proposed the dismissal by the Hull City Council of the men who volunteered for service during the general strike and have since been on the tramway staff.

Now, that won't do. I know the point of view of you and your fellow-Socialists on the Hull Council, and it is human nature that you should be unsympathetic.

But it won't do. These men had the Government's guarantee. And, anyhow, if each side in turn is to sack the partisans of the other side, local government will become farcical—and dirty.

JOHN BULL.

Mr. W. L. TOD,
Edinburgh

SIR,—You are president of the Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce, and yet you show crass ignorance of the life of the worker.

In a presidential speech you referred to the unemployed on the "dole" as "those happy parasites who are doing nothing but enjoy life."

Happy parasites, no doubt, you might find somewhere; but surely not in the queues of weary, desperate men outside the exchange; surely not among the dockers tramping the streets of Leith in search of work; surely not in the desolate mining villages around the northern Athens.

Try living on 17s. for one week, Mr. Tod, and then you will understand and pity.

JOHN BULL.

STRAIGHT from the Shoulder

MR. ARTHUR GREENWOOD: "Maternity is the most dangerous occupation."
And the worst paid.

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LORD CECIL: "It is a great mistake to regard industry and politics as essentially different."
Then our industry must be in an even worse state than we thought.

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MR. J. H. THOMAS: "I don't believe in living for to-day and forgetting there is a to-morrow."
To-morrow has an awkward way of reminding a politician of what he said yesterday.

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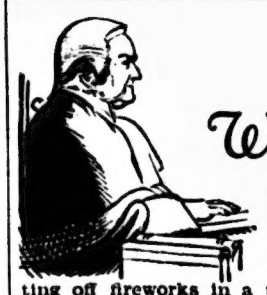
CANON J. C. V. DURELL:—"What can be done to stop this traffic in livings?"
Make religion a living affair and not an affair of a living.

The Sentence of the Court

SHAW'S APPLE-CART

A Lone Loan Hand



WEARING a busby large enough to house more bees than any normal bonnet, Tom Shaw pleaded "Not guilty" of letting off fireworks in a public place.

"As Minister of War," said Mr. Watchdog, K.C., "the accused must know the danger of handling explosives without care. But this did not stop him letting off a giant bung-bung in the House of Commons so that the explosion frightened traffic in Threadneedle Street.

"It was while talking of unemployment that the War Minister took it into his hot head to execute a flank movement by declaring that we are paying £100,000,000 a year interest on War Loans 'to people who have not the smallest moral right to it.'

"This startling Tom Tit-bit was based on the argument that War Loan has increased in value owing to deflation.

"This, according to Mr. Shaw, 'is a thing to start considering at once,' and, he added: 'I make this as my contribution to the things that might be considered in the reviving of industry.'

"But his 'contribution' is of less value than a silvered ha'penny in a kirk plate, for he did not explain how we could reduce this burden except by reducing War Loan interest, which would amount to repudiation.

"Admittedly, many people benefited by the increased value of War Loan stock brought about by deflation. But it does not follow that people who now owned War Loan were the ones to gain, for such scrip changes hands many times.

"If we are to reduce the interest on a Government loan which, for its original holders, has proved a remarkably good investment, we should also compensate contributors to pre-war Government loans, such as 2½ per cent. Consols (once worth more than £100 and now valued at £53), which have proved poor investments."

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Mr. Strawsplitter said that his client, like his namesake, G.B.S., was fond of indulging in promiscuous sniping, which might yet cause him to be hailed as Tom, Tom, the sniper's son.

Mr. Shaw did not wish to saddle the Cabinet with responsibility for his heterodox views, but he personally stuck to his guns.

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"The trouble is," said Mr. Justice Bull, "that the prisoner, instead of sticking to his guns at the War Office, tries to scale the heights of Snowden, to the great embarrassment of the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

"This is not a mere question of interest, but one of principle. It would not be long before people would prefer to bury their money in the back garden rather than trust it to the Government if, when events turned against it, the Government repudiated its bargain.

"Investment promises, like marriage, must be for richer or poorer.

"This uncertain Shaw of finance simply cannot resist throwing a brick, just for the pleasure of seeing the Tories throw a fit. But, as a great deal of War Loan is held by friendly and co-operative societies, he should remember the adage about stones and glass houses.

"The sentence of the Court is that if the War Minister again attempts to draw his tongue from the scabbard, or liberate private bats from his official busby, without the authority of his Commander-in-Chief, he shall be reduced to the ranks of the political unemployed."

MARRY— or Get Out!

Astonishing Emigration Disclosures

REFERENCE has just been made in the Press to the fact that deportation warrants have been issued in Canada against fifty British emigrants who are considered unfit for work on Canadian farms.

As justification for this step, it has been claimed that the men "created difficulties" for the Canadian immigration officials by protesting too violently against the conditions to which they were subjected.

Whatever the truth may be in this particular case, we are constantly receiving information that indicates that the lot of the British emigrant is too often rendered needlessly hard through the offhand attitude of the Canadian authorities.

We lately demanded that the Canadian Government should give instant attention to astounding irregularities which have recently been occurring at its ports, and which have had cruel and shameful consequences for British immigrants.

Sane woman

A typically bad case was that of a family of some means, all of whom were sent back to this country because it was alleged that a woman member of it had been found to be mentally unsound.

This reason was totally false, and we revealed that the unfortunate family would have been allowed to enter the country if they had agreed to pay graft-money to an official.

Not long ago Mr. Harry Griffith, of Little Horton, Bradford, became unemployed.

He approached the emigration authorities here, and, being assured that a situation was open for him in Canada, proceeded there with his wife and child.

What small capital remained to Mr. Griffith after paying for the passages dwindled rapidly.

Hopeless trek

On arrival in Canada no work was awaiting him, and the family had to maintain themselves for days in the detention quarters where immigrants are housed.

False hopes were raised when he was told that guaranteed farm employment for twelve months would be given to him by the colonisation officials at Winnipeg.

He was merely advised to go on from there with his family to Lauder in Southern Manitoba.

This costly journey was also unavailing, and equally fruitless was an instruction by the officials there to try his luck at Brandon, a hundred miles farther on.

While being driven in this manner from pillar to post, Mr. Griffith and his family were arraigned with nine other families and 200 young men who had undergone similar experiences, and all of them were ordered to be deported to Britain.

The wretched people were taken to Winnipeg, and while there Mr. Griffith found a situation on his own initiative. When he informed the authorities of his success he was sternly warned that if he began work he would be proceeded against for accepting employment while under order of deportation.

A harrowing time followed for the family. They were kept practically in confinement for twelve weeks, and were then sent to Montreal, like criminals, under escort.

At Montreal they were separated while awaiting a ship, and husband and wife were permitted to meet and speak for five minutes only after meals in the prison-like establishment where they were detained.

Mr. Griffith and his family are now back in this country, penniless.

This detaining of immigrants at the Canadian ports requires official investigation.

Among the prisoners is Mrs. Eva Bergengren, who was not allowed to continue her journey into Canada because her passport lacked a visa.

Proof of work

Mrs. Bergengren appealed to the Consul, who promptly pointed out that a visa was not necessary. Thereupon the immigration official changed his ground and decided that the woman would be "held" because she had no assurance of employment.

She produced proof that she was proceeding to a post as housekeeper and governess to a rich family in Ottawa. This was confirmed by telegram, and later by a personal visit of a representative of the family which was to employ her.

But the immigration authorities have preferred to keep Mrs. Bergengren in their custody.

An atrocious case is that of Mr. and Mrs. W. Edwards, of London. On the railway journey to Southampton they lost a piece of luggage which contained their papers, and they reported the fact before embarkation.

Among the documents was their marriage certificate, and, because it has not been recovered, they have been detained in the immigration quarters on the plea that they were presumably attempting to enter Canada in an immoral relationship.

They also were separated and forbidden to communicate with each other.

Become a wife!

Another recent instance is the detention at the port of arrival of Miss N. Smith, also of London, who was on her way to a situation in Montreal.

She was refused permission to proceed because the friends who had arranged to give her a home were not relatives, and she could not produce proof on the spot that they would be able to support her.

Miss Smith explained that she had ample means, and showed evidence that she had the guarantee of a first-class post. The official who had decided to detain her would not budge.

The outrageous suggestion was made to Miss Smith that she would be allowed to continue her journey if she made arrangements to become the wife of a Canadian and agreed to the marriage taking place at the detention quarters.

"The offhand attitude of the authorities" cannot surely be approved by Mr. Robert Forke, Canada's Immigration Minister

Perhaps Lord Passfield, Dominions Secretary, will look into this

The RAINBOW Pamphleteer

INGHAM'S Colonial Products Company, of Carnarvon, North Wales, issues an assortment of pamphlets in variegated colours, extolling the virtues of a product of its own laboratories called "Vinculin."

Dr. Cox knows all about secret remedies

This specific, we are asked to believe, is a "certain remedy" for diabetes, and Ingham's Colonial Products Company offers an eighteen day course for 12s. 6d.

Its efficacy, according to a white pamphlet, is "truly marvellous"; a green pamphlet talks about the "herb that cures"; a vivid yellow pamphlet cries, "Don't despair"; while a pink pamphlet confidently assures diabetic sufferers that it is the only specific "that has permanently cured others."

It may be argued that extravagant literature of this kind can only make an impression upon the most ignorant people; but experience has shown us that even worldly-wise people may be reduced to such a desperate state of mind through long suffering that they will clutch at any new suggestion that offers to them even the faintest ray of hope.

We therefore feel it our duty to call attention to one or two facts which seem to have been omitted from the rainbow circulars issued by the proprietors of Vinculin.

In the first place, no cure for diabetes is yet known to medical science. As is fairly widely known nowadays, a great deal of success has attended the careful use of insulin, but no medical man pretends that a complete cure can be effected.

It is true that a person under treatment with insulin may continue in practically normal health, always providing the strictest dieting instructions are followed.

This much was vouched for by Dr. Cox, secretary of the British Medical Association, when giving evidence before the Select Committee of the House of Commons on secret remedies.

The Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain has never even heard of Vinculin, which seems astonishing in view of the many claims put forward by Ingham's Colonial Products Company.

The latter, we find, is the business name of Thomas Samuel Ingham, and he is not registered as a qualified medical man or qualified chemist.

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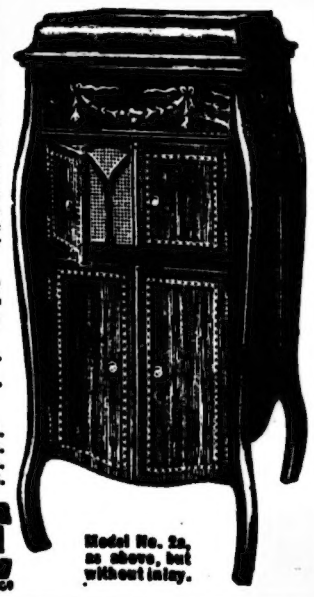

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Woman's savings

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Although Ackroyd varies his activities more than any other criminal at large to-day, this is not his first motoring swindle.

Prior to opening up at Manchester, he took over a garage at Bradford, styling himself the "Hensworth Motor Works."

He obtained all kinds of goods, including motor-cars, on credit, concealing the fact that he is an undischarged bankrupt. He failed at Liverpool four years ago for more than £9,000.

At Bradford he advertised extensively that he had re-conditioned motor-cycles for sale at bargain prices, and, obtaining deposits from people in all parts of the country, disappeared as soon as complaints began to grow too pressing.

Concert party

In another case, Ackroyd took an office in London in the name of Clifton George, and, in his usual breezy style, posed as the touring manager of a large firm of music publishers.

He advertised for artistes to join a touring concert-party, displaying to applicants what purported to be a lengthy list of definite bookings in the provinces.

Then, having selected his "party," he took deposits from each member as "security against costumes, properties, etc.," and announced that they were to open at Leeds.

In a motor-coach he engaged from a London garage the party set off with high hopes to Leeds.

The coach stopped at a hall which Ackroyd alleged had been booked for rehearsals. There he left his party sitting in the motor-coach on the pretext of "popping in to see if everything was O.K."

The hopeful artistes sat on patiently for some time; but their manager never returned.

He had returned to London by the first train, and the artistes were thus stranded hundreds of miles from home.

This is not the first time that Ackroyd has found theatrical dupes. He has, on occasion, floated various touring companies, abandoning them after one or two performances and pocketing all the takings.

One of Ackroyd's other tricks has been to tour the country, posing as a printer with a large London business, and pretending that he would open provincial branches.

In several towns he has advertised for canvassers to secure orders for advertisements in a tourists' guide he proposed to publish locally.

Major—retired

Promising lucrative salaries and bonuses, he has thus extracted cash deposits from numerous unemployed people whom he has cruelly left stranded.

Many of his victims are young women whose parents paid the necessary deposits to get them work.

Ackroyd, who is fond of boasting that he is a major "on the retired list," is one of the cleverest and most resourceful adventurers we have ever exposed.

His victims can be counted by the score, and we hope that this exclusive exposure of his roguery will place him on the "retired list" of tricksters.

Chief Constable R. L. Matthews of Leeds, where "the Major" was once placed on the retired list

Mr. H. Roberts, Secretary of the National Association of Theatrical Employees, has warned players against men like Ackroyd

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Weekly Informations *from* SIR WYNDHAM CHILDS

Too *Sweet to be* True

SEVERAL readers have lately asked for my opinion of a home-employment proposition by the National Confectionery Industry, Ltd., of 87, Regent Street, London, W.

I cannot say that I am favourably impressed, and nothing would ever move me to share the enthusiasm displayed by the company in its search for clients.

Briefly, the proposition is that any Jack or Jill should set up in competition with the established sweet-making firms by manufacturing chocolates and other confectionery in their home kitchens.

But the National Confectionery Industry, Ltd., does not put the proposition so baldly.

It favours applicants with an attractively-printed and illustrated brochure, entitled "The Happy Highway to Success," in which a truly tempting picture is painted.

Big industry

This brochure does not point out that the names of established sweet-making factories are legion, and that the lone, spare-time worker, toiling at her kitchen-table, would have to compete with the very latest manufacturing, packing and distributing machinery.

It makes me burn with indignation when I see the manner in which the prospects of success are set forth.

"Substantial remuneration," "financial independence," "pleasure and profit," "large profits," "inevitable success," "immense profits"—these are a few of the phrases with which the brochure is peppered.

Extravagant gush

Perhaps the most extravagant piece of "gush" is to be found in the centre pages, under the heading, "Gain independence early and enjoy comfortable retirement."

On one hand, an attractive desert scene is portrayed, with pyramids and palms, while the accompanying letterpress exhorts the reader to earn the means of seeing "the glories and mysteries of foreign shores."

Another picture shows an attractive, detached dwelling-house, standing in its own grounds, while the reader is assured that "the delights of a comfortable home in pleasant surroundings can be yours."

The secret of success lies, it seems, in taking a correspondence course in sweet-making under the tuition of the National Confectionery Industry, Ltd., which asks a fee of £5 5s.

But if clients display diffidence in grasping this "big opportunity," the company does not hesitate to offer easy terms.

All my readers do not seek advice; some express their own opinions in no uncertain terms.

One, with a lifelong experience of confectionery-making, says quite frankly that his present wage is under £5 a week, and he certainly could not earn that amount on his kitchen-table.

Leave it alone!

I note that the National Confectionery Industry, Ltd., claims that its object in organising home workers is to avoid "present-day serious labour problems and expensive factory rents."

My advice to readers is to avoid the offer made by the National Confectionery Industry, Ltd.

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KINDELL'S NEW OIL FLARE

IT is time that the Companies Department of the Board of Trade made some close enquiries into the number of offices in the City controlled by one of the cleverest secret share-pushers in this country.

For its guidance we are able to indicate several quarters where its enquiry might well begin. There is the office in Moorgate, for instance, which houses a concern called Capital Securities, Ltd.

A more arresting title for a financial house would be difficult to evolve; but it is sadly misleading, for the venture is neither capital nor secure.

Just now, though, Capital Securities, Ltd., is busily circularising people in connection with the sale of shares in the Constantine Oilfields, Ltd., with headquarters at another City address.

Splendid!

Although this oilfield company has been extracting money from the public since 1912, it has never paid any dividends, and, with assets of a decidedly dubious character, it is once again making a levy upon the pockets of investors.

A week or so ago, a Mr. B. M. Bayly, who has filled the role of secretary to Constantine Oilfields, Ltd., for some time past, was writing to people pointing out the alleged splendid position enjoyed by the company, and asking for some further thousands of pounds.

Enclosed with Mr. Bayly's optimistic printed matter were photographs of certain of the company's oilfields in Galicia, together with a map of Poland, showing various oilfields there.

Although this map was beautifully printed and showed clusters of oilfields in red, it prudently omitted to mention that the majority had nothing whatever to do with Constantine Oilfields at all.

To-day, however, Mr. Bayly has changed his views drastically.

He no longer holds the belief that the shares of Constantine Oilfields are as valuable as formerly suggested; on the contrary, he is now denouncing the company with all the vigour he can command "in the interests of the shareholders."

The truth is that when Mr. Bayly put his signature to the misleading literature of the Constantine Oilfields he was acting entirely under the instructions of the schemer behind the scenes.

Oilfields marked red on a pretty map; but most of them, like all other things, are under the control of Marshal Pilsudski, the Polish dictator

This latter individual is a financial genius in his way, for he works so unobtrusively through dummies established at various addresses that it is almost impossible to "tie him down" to any of his own schemes.

At the last general meeting of Constantine Oilfields, for instance, which took place in Moorgate about five weeks ago, the mystery financier did not occupy the presidential chair.

Financial adviser

Nevertheless, he took good care to be present, and was referred to for the benefit of the innocent shareholders as the company's "financial adviser."

Although the facts presented to the investors were gloomy in the extreme, the "financial adviser" maintained a sublime secrecy throughout.

Very much in evidence, however, was a Mr. W. Blount, who has spoken optimistically of the shares now being so extensively offered the public.

Mr. Blount, we must add, is only another of the associates of the mystery financier, and is concerned with numerous other dividendless companies which have, in some cases, been "reconstructed" more than once.

It is through the medium of dummies like Mr. Bayly, who was just a clerk in his office, that the mystery financier operates his various schemes.

Another adventure

His present campaign is all the more impudent since it is based upon the fact that his worthless company has "acquired" another company which has itself robbed the public of thousands of pounds.

Constantine Oilfields is only one of a host of companies controlled by this astute financier, whose name is Albert Kindell, and whose history in varied undertakings would fill columns.

Notorious amongst the ramps he has run are the Limoro-Kano Tinfields, the Waitahu (New Zealand) Colliery, Ltd., and the Consolidated Finance Corporation, Ltd.

His cunning was strikingly revealed a year or so ago in the bankruptcy proceedings following the failure of one of his financial "Trusts," in which his name did not appear.

The Official Receiver discovered that, although he was really the guiding genius, his name only figured in the books of the "Trust" as having been appointed as its "financial consultant"—very much in the same way as he now pretends to be "financial adviser" to the present Constantine Oilfields.

Numerous similar swindles have been operated by him, and, through the "financial advice" he has dispensed, tens of thousands of pounds have passed into the coffers of dubious concerns.

Perhaps the most amazing thing about this rogue is that on one occasion when a City accountant of the highest repute was appointed by the High Court to act as receiver in one of the disgraceful company disasters, Kindell completely hoodwinked him.

He actually induced the accountant to enter into an agreement with him, through the alias of another of his secretly run "Trusts," for the alleged "benefit" of the shareholders.

With regard to Capital Securities, Ltd., which has latterly been so busily boosting Constantine Oilfields, one of the original directors, a Mr. E. S. Smithyes, was formerly in the employ of another dubious oilfield company which failed for a huge sum of money.

Ardour undamped

Perhaps this connection explains why shareholders in the old swindle are being circulated in the new.

Kindell's audacity is shown by the fact that one of his countless swindles was launched within three months of his personal bankruptcy, in which the assets were £500 against liabilities of £16,000.

It is scandalous that an unscrupulous financier of this type, working through hirelings, can impose almost continuously upon innocent investors.

If the Board of Trade desires any further particulars than we have already given, we shall be happy to furnish details of from twenty to thirty other ramps for which this man has been responsible.

A Topical Twister

WITH the approach of Christmas we nearly always encounter some up-to-date rogue who believes that there is nothing like a topical "twist" for parting the public from their money.

Such a person is Mr. Alfred Harden, a benevolent, monocled gentleman of forty, who recently established himself in an office at Chapel Street, Boston, Lincs, and volunteered to play the part of Father Christmas for a limited run.

By some means or other he contrived to secure the insertion of several seasonable announcements in various respectable poultry journals.

He had, he declared, 500 first-class Lincolnshire fowls for disposal, and those who wished to take advantage of his offer before market-prices began to soar were requested to send cash with order.

All applications were promptly acknowledged on attractive notepaper, and the early despatch of the birds was promised.

A delay then followed; but, with businesslike courtesy, Mr. Harden wrote that he was in domestic trouble through the sudden death of his dear brother.

Later still, when some of the people who had sent money ventured to remind him that their orders were still awaiting attention, Mr. Harden put forward the ready, if unconvincing, excuse that his premises at Chapel Street had been gutted by fire.

At last, however, the clamouring clients could not be stalled off any longer, and Mr. Harden disappeared.

Enquiries we have made convince us that Harden is identical with a man named Everitt, who has done similar postal frauds; and it is almost certain that he will endeavour to open up again before Christmas in some new spot.

Shun all such offers where cash is demanded in advance. Any genuine firm should agree to C.O.D. terms.

THE EMPTY COAL-CELLAR KING

PEOPLE have been attracted by advertisements appearing in certain provincial papers making a special offer of coal at "pithead prices."

Those who wrote for fuller details received a communication from the Chatsworth Colliery Agency, which gave its London offices as in Albemarle Street, Piccadilly, London, S.W.

They were assured that the agency was prepared to arrange for consignments of coal to be delivered from the pithead direct to the consumer's door.

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The prices quoted were exceptionally tempting, particularly as the company undertook to meet all costs of delivery.

It was able to make this remarkable offer, it explained, as it had effected a most advantageous contract with the colliery-owners, and people were urged to place their orders early.

Householders in all parts jumped at this chance of laying in winter coal at bargain terms, and substantial sums of money soon began to pour in to the Albemarle Street offices.

But the promised coal was never delivered. Letters of enquiry were ignored, and to this day those who have sent money to the Chatsworth Colliery Agency are completely in the dark as to what is happening.

This is a striking example of the evil of accommodation addresses, an evil which we have so constantly condemned.

The Albemarle Street premises have frequently come under the notice of JOHN BULL in connection with doubtful undertakings which have been conducted by correspondence.

In the case of the Chatsworth Colliery Agency, we find that this classic title served as a cloak for a person named Arthur Preston, who signed all the letters, and who is now enjoying the fruits of his quick postal swindle.

In taking up this accommodation address, Preston was required by law to register his permanent residence, and he gave a house in Uxbridge Road, Shepherd's Bush.

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In doing so he was guilty of a clever piece of evasion, for the premises at Shepherd's Bush are actually another accommodation address, where Preston simply called for letters.

The man should be tracked down and punished.

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Christmas Wine Fraud

It Looks so Like—

IN countless homes, even the poorest, the Christmas bottle or two of honest-to-goodness wine is the crowning feature of the feast. Well, when you are buying this season make certain of the honest reputation of the wine-seller and closely scrutinise the label.

A big trade has sprung up in cheap wines.

These may not necessarily be nasty because they are cheap and actually manufactured in this country.

As a matter of fact, some are good value for money, but the methods employed to induce the purchase of others are dubious indeed.

Some of these cheap wines are prepared from grape must—that is, concentrated grape juice—about 85 per cent. of which is imported from foreign countries.

Enormous quantities of this must are now entering this country from Greece and France, duty free.

After being made into wine, it is subject to only a small Excise duty of 1s. 6d. a gallon, and can be put on the market at about 5s. a gallon.

Fictitious sparkle

Not only does it undercut Dominion wines, but it opens up a terrible temptation to the forger.

According to the rules of the International Wine Office, it should be described with some prefix such as "Must wine." But in actual practice it is often sold as "port" or "red wine."

A still more dubious use is made of this imported foreign must. It can now be aerated by artificial methods and made into imitation sparkling wine.

Some years ago a duty was imposed on all sparkling imported wines of 12s. 6d. a gallon, or 25s. a dozen bottles. This was added to the existing duty of 6s. a dozen bottles.

In other words, 31s. a dozen bottles has to be paid on imported sparkling wines, as against 4s. a dozen on wines manufactured in this country.

Little does Mr. W. Graham, President of the Board of Trade, know what the faked bottles contain. Besides this, we have to reckon the cost of transport from abroad.

Naturally, this is a tempting bait to the wine-faker; and at the present moment there is a growing traffic in artificial champagnes and burgundies, which are sold either in used bottles of the genuine article or in "get-up" bottles bearing false labels.

No first-class restaurants or wine-dealers traffic in such trash. Faked wines are only met with in small hotels or cheap cafés, where the waiter will perhaps offer to fetch a bottle of wine from "round the corner."

Hard to trace

Though the police are well aware that a great deal of this sort of thing goes on, they find it a very difficult matter to establish fraud, and still more so to trace the origin of the forgeries.

For instance, in August of last year, a fish-porter and a job-buyer were found guilty of applying forged trade-marks to a number of wine-bottles of the champagne variety.

The bottles bore an extremely skilful imitation of the labels of "Moët et Chandon," the famous French champagne firm.

Scotland Yard seized seventy-five bottles, and the men were fined £20 each, with costs. But the identity of the forger was never discovered.

Another case which occurred at about the same time concerned some so-called champagne supplied in bottles lebelled "Jules Chambront, Grand Vin Mousseux Cuvèe Reservèe, Dry. England." The firm that sold them was fined £40.

A more elaborate case occurred in January of the present year.

A Lower Thames Street firm was found guilty of selling white sparkling wine made from imported must under labels which gave the impression that it had come from France.

The labels described it as "Maison Bellett, White Dry Creaming," and the capsules were similar to those used for champagne.

The word "dry" conveyed the impression that it was made in France for the English market, and "*deposé*" implied that there was a trade-mark deposited in France.

"Little does Mr. W. Graham, President of the Board of Trade, know what the faked bottles contain"

In faking sparkling wines, one of the greatest difficulties the faker has to overcome is to aerate his liquid satisfactorily.

Genuine sparkling wines retain their effervescence for a reasonable time after the bottle is opened, but faked wines usually lose theirs so rapidly that they begin to go flat before they can be drunk.

This difficulty is being quickly overcome. Within the last few months a firm of British wine manufacturers has discovered an entirely new method of aeration which produces a much more lasting sparkle.

Any such aerated wine has to be contained in bottles of the champagne neck variety to avoid the danger of explosion.

They are expensive to buy; so forgers frequently go to work by procuring empty bottles of well-known brands of champagne or burgundy and refilling them with their forgeries.

During the last twelve months many districts around London have been visited by men who go round from door to door offering to buy empty champagne bottles and corks at 1d., 2d., and even 3d. apiece.

There has also been a great increase of activity in the "corkage" scandal.

Corkage money

The corkage system, which has been in existence for some time, is primarily a means of boosting the sale of obscure brands of wine, but at the present moment it is also being used to secure corks for corking forged wines in recovered bottles.

It is worked in this way: Waiters in restaurants and hotels are offered so much per dozen corks — "corkage money," as it is called—from the shippers and distributors of the brands concerned.

In this way they are bribed to act as unofficial agents of the firms. They advise customers to drink their wines, and they receive their commission on producing the corks.

Things have come to such a pass that within the last few months a printed price-list of corkage fees has been circulated among the head-waiters of many London hotels and restaurants.

It bears an accommodation address for letters, but the names of the persons offering the money do not appear.

The list includes many well-known brands of wine, and has evidently been printed abroad for safety. It offers as much as 9s. a dozen for corks of one brand of champagne and 8s. a dozen for another.

—the Real Thing

Rag-and-bone ally

The average price offered for corks of twenty-two other brands of champagne is 5s. a dozen. Corks of sparkling wines average a price of 3s. 6d. a dozen, and those of still wines and port 2s. a dozen.

There is a clearing-house which will accept corks from any source whatever—hotel, restaurant, rag and bone merchant.

Obviously there is a grave danger here, not only of boosting faked wines, but of placing corks of well-known brands at the disposal of forgers.

As things stand, it is much too easy for the crooks who deal in bogus wines to pursue their trade.

The Board of Trade, apparently, keeps no check on the amount of foreign grape must which is dumped in this country duty free.

Empty bottles and corks of well-known brands of wine are easily procurable.

The Merchandise Marks Act of 1887, under which forgers are prosecuted, urgently needs tightening up.

Until something is done about it there is every inducement to fake wines and foist them on the public under forged labels or in refilled bottles.

BEHIND *the SCENES with* A PRIVATE SLEUTH

[The warning against Shady Private Detectives given in "John Bull" a fortnight ago has brought emphatic support from an English private investigator of the highest home and international reputation]

IF I shelter myself behind anonymity in this article, it is only because I do not wish for self-advertisement.

For ten years now I have earned my living as a private detective. During that time I have collected enough secrets to enable me to retire comfortably if I had any tendency towards blackmail.

And I have never ceased to wonder at the willingness of other people to confide their inmost secrets to me.

After all, who am I? My profession has no recognised governing body. I have to pass no examinations; I have no handle to my name; no professional institute governs my activities. I am bound by no oath not to divulge professional secrets.

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The magic words "private detective" induce many people to imagine a sense of security which does not exist. Consequently we have instances where blackmail is carried on in conjunction with pseudo-detective organisations.

The reputable detective dislikes divorce work, and is careful which case he takes. Some firms like Pinkertons refuse divorce work entirely.

There are also many matters which the official police are unable to undertake. You cannot expect the police to help in criminal cases unless you are prepared to prosecute—and how often does it happen that publicity of this sort is the last thing wanted?

A person disappears from home, and the relatives are naturally anxious. The official police cannot take on any extended investigation unless there are reasons to infer foul play or suicide. Everyone is at liberty to disappear. There may be nothing wrong in it.

The police cannot be expected to act upon mere suspicion. Frequently I have been called in to find evidence which would change suspicion into certainty. I have found it, and the police have acted. That was my job, and I was content. If the police get the credit—good luck to them.

I wonder if the registration advocated in JOHN BULL by Mr. E. Roffe Thompson would solve the problem?

The reputable agencies have an old Scotland Yard man, either at the head or in association. This is necessary, because these must be in liaison with the official police.

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Now, how will registration affect this? What body will keep the register? If Scotland Yard is concerned, the official police spirit will predominate. For instance, what credentials will be demanded from a civilian?

There can be no credentials other than an unblemished reputation and a record of successful results. Registration is not going to protect my client if I am a blackmailer.

JOHN BULL will do its readers and the public generally a great service by insisting upon the following simple rules:

Never engage a private detective unless he makes his reports to a solicitor. Have no dealings with him personally except in the presence of a solicitor.

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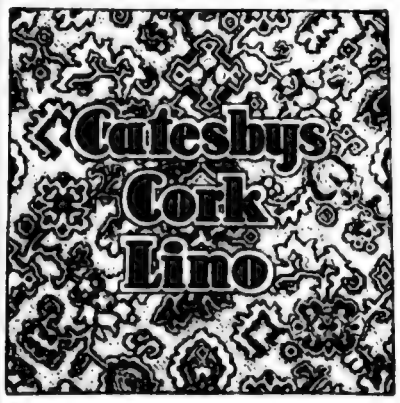

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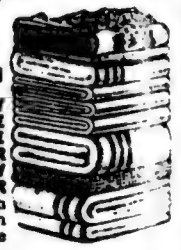

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A. G. Gardiner Warns the FIRST LORD

"Mr. A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, has been brought to heel by the admirals." Here are four of them around him: peak-capped, Sir H. G. Brand; bare-headed, Sir F. L. Field; clean-shaven, Sir R. Y. Tyrwhitt, and bearded, Sir C. Madden

IN a few weeks' time the Five-Power Naval Conference will assemble in London. It will be the most momentous gathering ever held in the capital, for upon its success or failure the whole future of disarmament, and with it the question of war and peace, hangs.

Eleven years have passed since the Great War ended. During that time there has been infinite talk of organising the world on a peace footing.

We have established the League of Nations. We have signed the Locarno Treaty. We have signed the Kellogg Pact. *But we have not disarmed.*

In spite of the fact that Germany has been demilitarised, the armaments of the world are greater to-day than they were in 1914. France is spending more, we are spending more, Italy is spending more, America is spending more.

New devilries

It would seem that the more the nations outlaw war, the more they prepare for war.

In every land science is engaged in inventing new devilries of destruction, more deadly poison-gases, vast submarines that carry great aeroplanes, "robot" aeroplanes that can carry devastation over hundreds of miles of territory by purely mechanical control, new types of ship of terrifying speed and capacity.

And meanwhile the Disarmament Commission that is to check all this barbarism has not dared to meet. It has not dared to meet because it is afraid of the consequences. It is afraid of the disclosure that the nations will sign treaties, but will not disarm.

At last the Five-Power Conference brings the issue to the test. If it succeeds it will set the wheels of disarmament in motion. It will strike the keynote of "Deeds, not words."

And the success of the conference depends mainly on us. It deals only with the naval aspect of disarmament, and here the dominant word is ours.

It is only in respect of naval disarmament that we can give the lead and set the pace which the rest of the world will follow in respect of land and air.

If the conference, under our inspiration, declares for all-round disarmament, the victory will be won and peace will be in the ascendant.

If it declares for stabilisation of existing armaments, or, worse, for increase of armaments, then the Disarmament Commission can put up its shutters.

Its occupation will be gone, and Europe will enter unchecked upon the race of armaments in preparation for the next war.

In view of this, it is disquieting to see evidences that Mr. A. V. Alexander, the First Lord of the Admiralty, has been brought to heel by the admirals, and is beginning to talk their language.

It is surprising as well as disquieting, for Mr. Alexander owes his place in the Government to his position in the co-operative movement.

Foredoomed

At its conference this year the movement called on Government to "summon the General Disarmament Conference and carry through by international treaty a drastic reduction of national armaments of every kind."

In face of this, Mr. Alexander has put forward this programme: (1) reduction of cruisers to fifty; (2) lengthen the life of battleships and reduce their size; (3) thus establishing the minimum armament which Great Britain requires.

If this is to be the Government policy at the conference, it means that the conference is foredoomed. It represents the virtual stabilisation of the Navy on the existing level of armament expenditure.

It is the acceptance by Mr. Alexander of the Admiralty doctrine of "minimum naval requirements."

This doctrine, put forward by Mr. Bridgeman in 1927, destroyed the Coolidge Conference. It is wholly unfounded in strategy and commonsense, and it is lamentable that a Labour Minister should countenance it in any way.

It is not the only evidence that Mr. Alexander has been captured by the experts. He has committed himself to the favourite assertion of the Admiralty that Great Britain has already voluntarily disarmed in recent years to a greater extent than any other Power.

This is not true. It is not true either in respect of money or material.

We do not want stabilisation; we want *disarmament.*

We want the same policy as that which America has reaffirmed in President Hoover's Armistice Day speech. In that speech he declared the willingness of America to accept *any general reduction, however drastic.*

If it is general, it cannot affect our relative position, and therefore the more drastic it is the better.

The point Mr. Alexander has to remember is that large-scale saving can only be brought about by a reduction in battleships (or their total abolition) and the corresponding reduction in submarines and destroyers which will in consequence become possible.

We have twenty of these monsters, each of 36,000 tons, each costing £7,000,000 to build, each costing nearly half a million a year to maintain.

Why continue to carry this terrific burden?

France and Italy do not believe in them and have ceased to build them. Japan is anxious to stop building them. America is anxious to stop building them. Why should we continue to want to build them?

It is risking too many eggs in one basket when the sky above rains bombs and the submarines below launch shoals of torpedoes.

Even the more enlightened of our own admirals have long been coming to the conclusion that the day of these mastodons of the deep is done.

Admiral Sir Herbert Richmond, who is probably the most brilliant mind in the Navy to-day, has just contributed to the *Times* a series of articles in which he declares that no case can be made for the existence of any warship of more than or even as much as 10,000 tons.

Scrap the lot!

In the face of all this are we to go on building these discredited ships, and forcing the world, as far as we can, to do likewise? The only question should be whether they should be scrapped at once, or allowed to finish their term without replacement.

Let the Government at the forthcoming conference make the great gesture. Let it announce that it is prepared to "scrap the lot" and never to build another ship above 10,000 tons.

If it does that it will carry the conference with it, and make the meeting the beginning of the greatest disarmament movement the world has ever seen.

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"His grand confession"

THERE is no more interesting piece of writing in the world than that part of the Bible called the Book of Proverbs.

King Solomon is credited with having had the chief hand in it, which only means, I suppose, that he may have had its contents put together and preserved.

It is really a collection of ancient sayings of the East, transmitted from father to son, well-known maxims of the market-place, the vineyard, and the home.

One of these sayings is: "The spirit of a man will sustain his infirmity." Another runs: "By sorrow of heart the spirit is broken."

When one reflects that these observations upon life date from thousands of years ago they serve to demonstrate that everyday human experience has not greatly altered in that long stretch of time.

By "spirit" here is meant resolve informed by faith, and it can and does work stupendous miracles.

I once knew a man under sentence of death, the victim of a torturing disease to which he might have succumbed in a month, but who was determined not to die till he had finished a piece of work he had set his heart upon doing, and the success of which would place his wife and child beyond the reach of want.

So, keeping his infirmity to himself, and maintaining a brave and cheerful front, he went undauntedly forward till his task was accomplished and the end secured.

When he died the doctor said he had cheated the grave of at least five years.

Again, what a spirit was that which carried Robert Louis Stevenson through the long, weary years of a struggle with infirmity which only terminated with his last breath!

Fight for your joy, was his counsel; never give in; reach down into your soul day by day, and bring up what you need to make the body bear its burdens and the brain do its work.

It was a grand confession of faith which came from his heart:

"If I have faltered more or less
In my great task of happiness;
If I have moved among my race
And shown no glorious morning face;
If beams from happy human eyes
Have moved me not; if morning skies,
Books, and my food and summer rain
Knocked on my sullen heart in vain—
Lord, Thy most pointed pleasure take,
And stab my spirit broad awake."

If one may say so without offence, there is a man in the present Government who can teach us all this same lesson when one thinks of his physical handicap and his strength of character. I mean Philip Snowden.

There is no greater danger in life than that of spiritual collapse, loss of heart, the feeling that nothing is worth while. Once that gets hold of you you might as well lie down and die.

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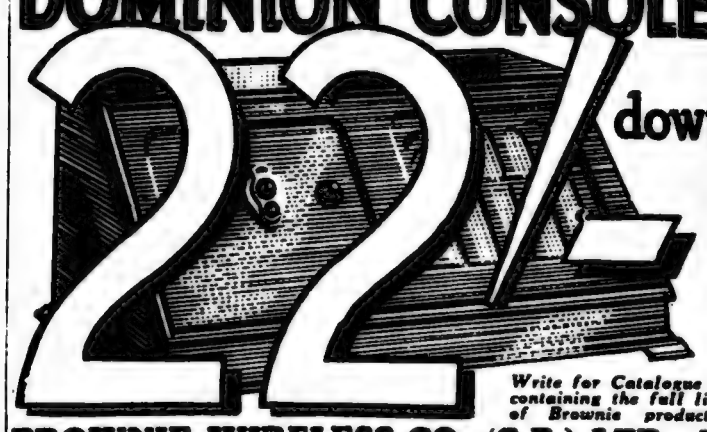

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"*It is imperative that it should be solved. It should be added that we have known of this pressing need for twenty years, and my reports all through that period have contained indisputable evidence, medical and social, of the havoc and loss which is entailed by our continued failure to deal with this vital aspect of the national health.*"

Many die—

The italics are mine, for these words deserve special attention. I do not recall ever before such a damning indictment of politicians by a public servant.

I can understand the bitterness that lies beneath this paragraph, for there are upwards of 3,000,000 children in this country under five years of age, and for at least 2,000,000 of them there is no proper organisation for either their nurture or their education.

"Yet," says Sir George, "it is this 2,000,000 who are to become eventually the workers and producers of the nation.

"But some of them die. In 1928 the number of children under five who died was 62,782, and many more are maimed in one way or another by the conditions that killed the 62,000.

"The result is that one-quarter to one-third of the children admitted to school at five are in need of medical attention before they can receive the education which the State provides for them.

"If they could be helped before they were five we should do something sensible as well as scientific to turn off the tap of this great burden of disease and defect which tracks these children into their school lives."

Half a million

The "burden of disease and defect" is startling in its magnitude. It passes belief that it can be so complacently ignored.

The mere existence of 500,000 dull, backward and retarded children of school-age is a standing challenge to our pride, as well as a reproach to our conscience.

There is no need to particularise the diseases and defects. What matters is to prevent their inception—and that is what we are making singularly little effort to do.

We spend millions in an effort to cure, but we allow the causes to fester unchecked; and year after year we pay a terrible price for our neglect.

In none of the towns and cities of this country is there either room to live or room to play. Housing conditions are a disgrace. Hundreds of thousands of people are literally denied access to light and fresh air.

We can scarcely be surprised if we are called on to pay in the shape of ill-health, ill-will, poor physique and inefficient production.

Only the other day I read of a case in Sydenham where an application for possession by the landlord of a small house revealed that there were eighteen people living in it.

A family of nine—husband, wife and seven children—occupied two of the rooms, and five of these slept across one bed.

Or there is another case, a five-roomed hovel in which three families live. In one room alone live a man, his wife and nine children.

What sort of chance have those children by the time they have to face life?

From end to end of the country we have allowed our working-class districts to become nothing but incubators of disease, and we have to spend millions of pounds every year in an effort to repair the damage.

The net result is an appalling wastage of life *under preventable conditions*. It is those three words that make the tragedy so poignant.

Let us look a little closer at what this means.

In 1925 deaths of children under one year in England and Wales averaged 87 per thousand in all county boroughs, 72 per thousand in other urban districts, and only 64 per thousand in all rural districts—despite the low wages and the wretched-enough housing conditions that even the countryside often reveals.

But in the country there is at least access to God's fresh air. Poverty there does not have to struggle in addition against darkness and stench and underground warrens.

Compare them

It is even more startling if you compare, not one town with another, but the slums with the better-class districts in the same town.

Take, for instance, London. In 1923-25 the death-rate in Shoreditch was 13.3 per thousand, but in Hampstead it was only 10.9 per thousand.

Tuberculosis is typically a disease of overcrowding and slum darkness—and in 1923-24 the tuberculosis death-rate of Shoreditch was 1.28 per thousand. It was only .68 per thousand in Hampstead.

We have not even begun to tackle the problem on these lines—nor, indeed, on any lines commensurate with the need.

We have, it is true, built a million houses since the war, but we have not even caught up the accumulated arrears of the war.

And always the problems come back to the land. All Sir George Newman wants depends on the land being freed. For because a few claim to "own" the earth the millions are denied their birthright.

The land-lock

At the door of the Land Lord lies, when all is done, the bulk of this "great burden of disease and defect."

Rational town-planning, slum-clearance, new building, every urgent need of the community is thwarted and hindered by the iniquities of our irrational land system.

Sir George reminds public authorities that they are "the builders of the New World," and exhorts them to face boldly the problems that for twenty years he has been urging them to confront.

They will find it easier to respond to his plea if, in April, Mr. Snowden has the courage to hand them the key to the solution.

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ONE of the lessons of life that very few people ever seem to learn is that progress cannot be stopped. You can put all the obstacles and difficulties in the way that you like, but the world will move on despite you. And those who try too long to impede its movement run a risk of being crushed and swept aside.

"Every age," said an American writer recently, "seems to suffer from the delusion of permanence. It mistakenly comes to accept its own order as final. Whatever opposes its own conceptions it besets with denunciation."

This mental blindness to what is going on, that besets not only nations but individuals, is a thing to be avoided at all costs.

Since the world must move on, it is for us to see that the movement is in the right direction: and it is an individual responsibility. We can never afford to be so complacently satisfied that we can leave things quite uncritically to others and vehemently denounce those of wider vision who see a little further ahead than we do and seek to warn us before it is too late.

It is not merely an unreasoning opposition to change—though that is bad enough. It is our fatal habit of smug satisfaction in a wholly mistaken belief that we have, or ever can have, achieved perfection.

"The best verse hasn't been rhymed yet,
The best house hasn't been planned,
The highest peak hasn't been climbed yet,
The mightiest rivers aren't spanned;
Don't worry and fret, faint-hearted,
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"*It is imperative that it should be solved. It should be added that we have known of this pressing need for twenty years, and my reports all through that period have contained indisputable evidence, medical and social, of the havoc and loss which is entailed by our continued failure to deal with this vital aspect of the national health.*"

Many die—

The italics are mine, for these words deserve special attention. I do not recall ever before such a damning indictment of politicians by a public servant.

I can understand the bitterness that lies beneath this paragraph, for there are upwards of 3,000,000 children in this country under five years of age, and for at least 2,000,000 of them there is no proper organisation for either their nurture or their education.

"Yet," says Sir George, "it is this 2,000,000 who are to become eventually the workers and producers of the nation.

"But some of them die. In 1928 the number of children under five who died was 62,782, and many more are maimed in one way or another by the conditions that killed the 62,000.

"The result is that one-quarter to one-third of the children admitted to school at five are in need of medical attention before they can receive the education which the State provides for them.

"If they could be helped before they were five we should do something sensible as well as scientific to turn off the tap of this great burden of disease and defect which tracks these children into their school lives."

Half a million

The "burden of disease and defect" is startling in its magnitude. It passes belief that it can be so complacently ignored.

The mere existence of 500,000 dull, backward and retarded children of school-age is a standing challenge to our pride, as well as a reproach to our conscience.

There is no need to particularise the diseases and defects. What matters is to prevent their inception—and that is what we are making singularly little effort to do.

We spend millions in an effort to cure, but we allow the causes to fester unchecked; and year after year we pay a terrible price for our neglect.

In none of the towns and cities of this country is there either room to live or room to play. Housing conditions are a disgrace. Hundreds of thousands of people are literally denied access to light and fresh air.

We can scarcely be surprised if we are called on to pay in the shape of ill-health, ill-will, poor physique and inefficient production.

Only the other day I read of a case in Sydenham where an application for possession by the landlord of a small house revealed that there were eighteen people living in it.

A family of nine—husband, wife and seven children—occupied two of the rooms, and five of these slept across one bed.

Or there is another case, a five-roomed hovel in which three families live. In one room alone live a man, his wife and nine children.

What sort of chance have those children by the time they have to face life?

From end to end of the country we have allowed our working-class districts to become nothing but incubators of disease, and we have to spend millions of pounds every year in an effort to repair the damage.

The net result is an appalling wastage of life *under preventable conditions*. It is those three words that make the tragedy so poignant.

Let us look a little closer at what this means.

In 1925 deaths of children under one year in England and Wales averaged 87 per thousand in all county boroughs, 72 per thousand in other urban districts, and only 64 per thousand in all rural districts—despite the low wages and the wretched-enough housing conditions that even the countryside often reveals.

But in the country there is at least access to God's fresh air. Poverty there does not have to struggle in addition against darkness and stench and underground warrens.

Compare them

It is even more startling if you compare, not one town with another, but the slums with the better-class districts in the same town.

Take, for instance, London. In 1923-25 the death-rate in Shoreditch was 13.3 per thousand, but in Hampstead it was only 10.9 per thousand.

Tuberculosis is typically a disease of overcrowding and slum darkness—and in 1923-24 the tuberculosis death-rate of Shoreditch was 1.28 per thousand. It was only .68 per thousand in Hampstead.

We have not even begun to tackle the problem on these lines—nor, indeed, on any lines commensurate with the need.

We have, it is true, built a million houses since the war, but we have not even caught up the accumulated arrears of the war.

And always the problems come back to the land. All Sir George Newman wants depends on the land being freed. For because a few claim to "own" the earth the millions are denied their birthright.

The land-lock

At the door of the Land Lord lies, when all is done, the bulk of this "great burden of disease and defect."

Rational town-planning, slum-clearance, new building, every urgent need of the community is thwarted and hindered by the iniquities of our irrational land system.

Sir George reminds public authorities that they are "the builders of the New World," and exhorts them to face boldly the problems that for twenty years he has been urging them to confront.

They will find it easier to respond to his plea if, in April, Mr. Snowden has the courage to hand them the key to the solution.

The Human Machine

There's Still a Chance!

ONE of the lessons of life that very few people ever seem to learn is that progress cannot be stopped. You can put all the obstacles and difficulties in the way that you like, but the world will move on despite you. And those who try too long to impede its movement run a risk of being crushed and swept aside.

"Every age," said an American writer recently, "seems to suffer from the delusion of permanence. It mistakenly comes to accept its own order as final. Whatever opposes its own conceptions it besets with denunciation."

This mental blindness to what is going on, that besets not only nations but individuals, is a thing to be avoided at all costs.

Since the world must move on, it is for us to see that the movement is in the right direction: and it is an individual responsibility. We can never afford to be so complacently satisfied that we can leave things quite uncritically to others and vehemently denounce those of wider vision who see a little further ahead than we do and seek to warn us before it is too late.

It is not merely an unreasoning opposition to change—though that is bad enough. It is our fatal habit of smug satisfaction in a wholly mistaken belief that we have, or ever can have, achieved perfection.

"The best verse hasn't been rhymed yet,
The best house hasn't been planned,
The highest peak hasn't been climbed yet,
The mightiest rivers aren't spanned;
Don't worry and fret, faint-hearted,
The chances have just begun,
For the best jobs haven't been started,
The best work hasn't been done."

That is the whole point—in a nutshell.

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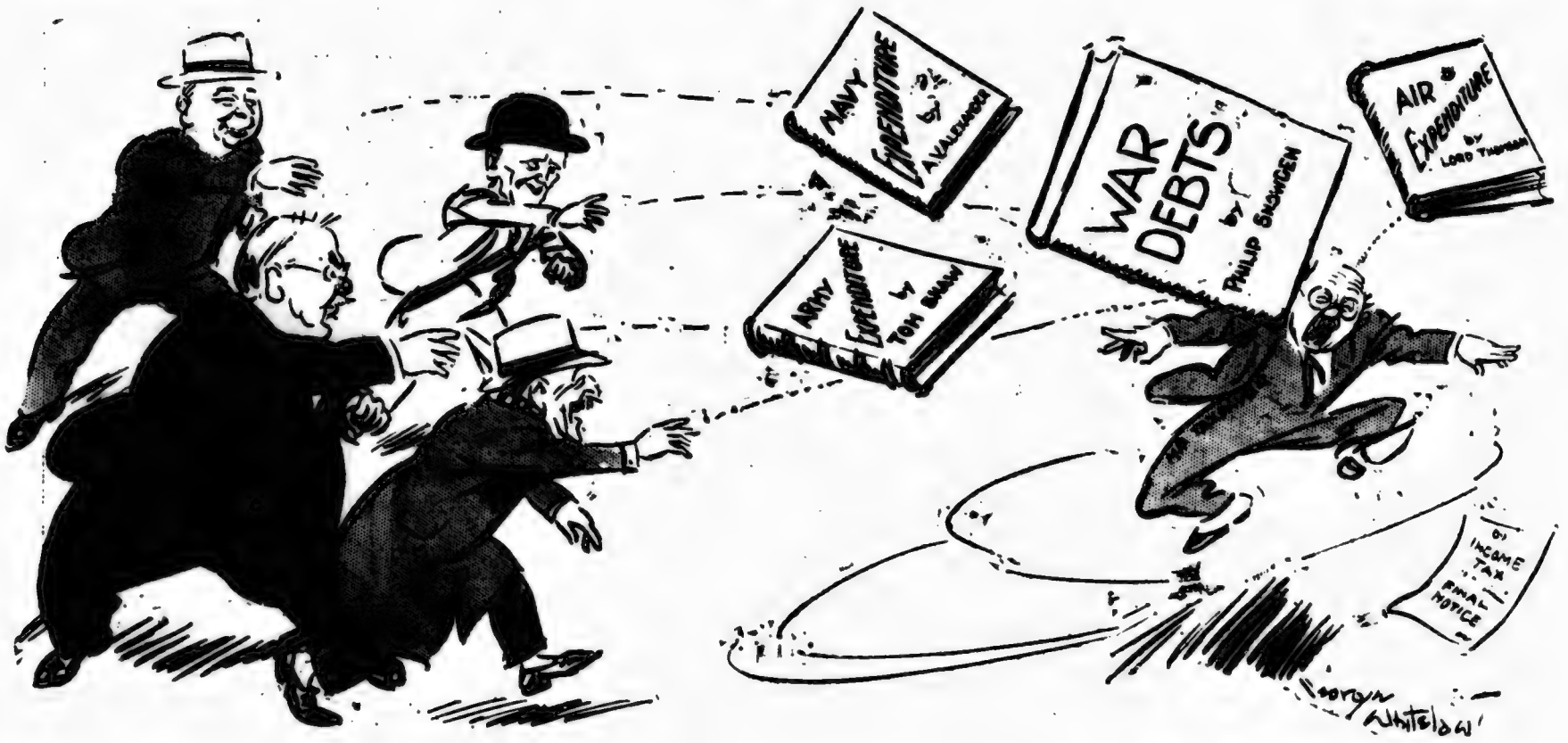

Without Fear or Favour

HIS VERY OWN VOLUMES
There's no Good-bye to all this

THOSE WAR BOOKS —and the Truth

WE have hitherto refrained from adverse criticism of the various war books which have appeared in such spate during the last year or two. Our advocacy of international peace has been a consistent policy, and we have hesitated to commit to print certain thoughts which might identify us with the jingoes and the fire-eaters.

If war is the diabolical thing we know it to be, then it is as well that those of the public who have had no experience of it first-hand should learn the whole truth.

And the immense audience which has been reached by such works as the play "Journey's End" and the novel "All Quiet on the Western Front" is now well aware of the things young men endured for love of country and the honour of their race.

We make it clear that, in our opinion, "Journey's End" is mainly a true picture. The drunken captain would have been impossible, and the ready and frequent tears of his comrades are ridiculous. But the play, as a whole, is well justified.

Unfortunately, some of the authors of the war books have not stopped at painting the carnage in its right hue of red, and the bleak waste of spirit and effort in its expanse of grey shadow.

They have discovered more startling effects in depicting their comrades as a pitiable mob composed mainly of cads, cowards, scoundrels and degenerates. Ours, they have it, was a yellow army.

As if the death of a boy was not enough to convince mothers and sisters of the tragedy of war. He died, and that was enough.

BUT they must also be told by the historians, who brought home more trench mud on their pens than they ever did on their ammunition-boots, that he was possibly a drunkard, or a suicide, and most certainly a craven coward who fought through terror and died raving mad.

He may have ended up against a wall, in front of a firing-squad, or he may have shot his sergeant-major!

The crank pacificists have, naturally, welcomed these effusions. Every defeatist doctrinaire rejoices to find confirmation of his propaganda that the patriot is a kind of criminal, more particularly the British patriot, and that, the war being wrong, everyone who took part in it was a bad egg.

We who write here had long experience of the front line, longer, we are certain, than most of the war-book authors; and we can refute their lies.

The average British soldier in the war was not morbid, was not a traitor, was not a coward. In ninety-nine cases out of a hundred he suffered incredible hardships with unfailing humour and abundant grit.

Those who did not come back may or may not have died in vain, but they died game.

So take heart. The boys were better men and greater gentlemen than some of those who were spared to write books about them.

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The Lost Punch

AT this very critical period in the history of British boxing, it is a matter of public regret that the National Sporting Club is not in the leading position which it ought to hold.

Once it deserved the proud title of "Headquarters." There was snap and tone in its proceedings. It set the world a high standard.

There is the same striving for fairness to-day, but poor bouts have frustrated the attempt to popularise the club by admitting a larger number of the public.

Even the famous Lonsdale belts do not carry their former lustre. There have been some very pitiful contests for these once-coveted awards.

The club will have to consider gravely whether it will go out whole-heartedly for popular favour or return to its old exclusiveness.

Whether exclusive or popular, the club must remain as the home of all that is best in British and world boxing. We cannot afford to lose the weight of a body of men who love boxing for itself, and who are above the need of making money out of sport.

Coal by Post-card

THE great mystery of coal prices between the pit-head and the home cellar—that elusive twenty-five to thirty shillings odd per ton—may never be solved. All the householder knows is that he has to face another shilling increase, with the muttered menace of still more extortion to meet the shorter working hours.

But the coal kings—not the owners—suspect and householders fondly hope that there is a nigger in the wood-pile.

JOHN BULL has reason to believe that there is now before the Cabinet Committee on Coal a definite and well-considered plan to cheapen distribution.

It is a Coal Commission plan which now drops neatly from its pigeon-hole. This time it is to be hoped it will not go back.

Briefly it is that coal shall be distributed in specially devised motor vehicles direct to consumers, or that, alternatively, coal centres shall be set up to save charges.

Where people cannot afford to pay delivery they may buy direct from the nearest depot. In the poorer districts lorries would deliver in steel containers of one hundredweight once a week. Orders could be lodged by card at the nearest post-office.

At the time it was objected that countless small dealers, with their horses and plant, would be put out of employment. The answer is that these would either be absorbed or given cartage contracts.

The Government has, by gesture at least, threatened the food profiteers. Reform in that sphere may come—in time. This matter of coal is nearer to the heart of a Labour Administration, and it contains more hope of practical fulfilment.

NOISE about the hardship on the middlemen will be loud. It is always so when rationalisation is attempted on coal—or cabbages.

The most pernicious profiteers are the one, two, even three so-called handlers between the pit-head and the retailers proper, the people in between who deal with the slack and unenterprising pit-owners.

Beyond denial is the statement that from 7s. 6d. to 10s. a ton can be saved in the handling and mis-handling of coal. That would give the miners a decent wage and appease the growing anger of the householder.

Captain FitzRoy, who is "Mr. Speaker," is an enemy of the windbag

Lord Ullswater, a famous old "Mr. Speaker," is the man to cleanse the House

This is all very necessary; but what about a Big Broom on the Benches?

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Clean up the HOUSE of COMMONS!

THE House of Commons is committing suicide. Unless the whole method is changed the public will insist upon some entirely different form of government.

Already there is a profound disrespect for politicians and politics, the endless talk on trivialities, the silly Party battles over vital national subjects, the quibbling over detail while great principles slide past unnoticed.

In twenty weeks Members of Parliament speak about 48,500,000 words. No wonder they call it the "Talking Shop."

Yet during the debate on the Estimates hundreds of millions of money are passed without a murmur.

Ugly facts

Does the public know that some of its laws are drawn out of a sort of lucky-bag in a futile kind of ballot?

Waste of time, waste of money, poor and flimsy laws which only make business for the courts, all derive from this cumbersome, out-of-date system.

This mass of futile effort is disguised by pompous ceremonial and finicking procedure. JOHN BULL here proposes to rip away trimmings and expose the naked and very ugly facts.

When the present Labour Government came into office Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the Prime Minister, began with high hopes of stopping the old Parliamentary game of obstruction which is seen in "all-night sittings."

Yet in the third week after the autumn resumption of the House of Commons he kept M.P.s at work without a break from 2.45 one afternoon till 8.20 the following morning.

He had hoped by an all-night sitting on that occasion to pass fifteen clauses of the Pensions Bill through Committee.

Actually he succeeded in getting half-way through clause 1, and to avoid further all-night sittings on that Bill he had to accept an arrangement more or less dictated to him by the Opposition.

Mr. MacDonald, like all his predecessors, has been caught in the cumbrous machinery of Parliament.

The mills of the Legislature grind slowly, but, unlike the mills of God, they do not grind exceeding small.

The amount of legislation has increased enormously in recent times; the Parliamentary machine has not been reconditioned to meet the new requirements.

Some of the Standing Orders which govern the conduct of the House of Commons are nearly eighty years old. One of them actually dates from 1812.

Take the progress of a Bill through Parliament. It is introduced and read a first time in the House of Commons. That is purely formal.

The next stage is the second reading. A day is usually given to that; sometimes two days. The debate is supposed to deal with the general principles involved.

Having achieved a second reading, the Bill is sent to a committee, which, in the case of important measures, is the whole House.

Now is the time for the Bill to be examined clause by clause, line by line, word by word.

Guillotine—"kangaroo"

The process is almost interminable, for it is possible for the opponents to move amendments to every word. Obstruction runs riot. Every amendment means a debate.

Time-wasting tactics of this sort can be curtailed by the guillotine or the "kangaroo," but despite these methods of closuring, the ingenious obstructionist can do an immense amount to knock the machinery out of gear.

Then the Bill is "reported to the House." That means that the Chairman of Committees tells the Speaker that the Bill has been considered in committee and amended.

In other words, the 615 members of the House of Commons are told what the 615 members of Committee (the same 615) have done.

Thereupon the 615 members of the House of Commons proceed (on the report stage) to examine what the 615 members of the Committee have done; and there are more amendments and more talk, some more closure and the "kangaroo" jumps again.

"Kangaroo" very aptly describes the power to select amendments. Thus, if there are a few dozen amendments, No. 1 might be taken, after which there might be a jump over a dozen others.

The last stage of the Bill is the third reading—a general debate reviewing the Bill in the light of the changes made in it.

The Bill is next sent to the House of Lords, where it goes through all the stages over again.

Reformers of Parliamentary procedure believe that the clumsy arrangement of setting 615 members to make detailed examination of legislation in committee should be curtailed.

They favour the extension of what is called the Standing Committee system, under which Bills, after the second reading, are sent to small committees of M.P.s for examination.

These committees meet in the mornings, thus saving much valuable time, which the Legislature can devote to other business.

But the committee system as at present operated is a happy hunting-ground for the obstructionist, because the chairmen of committees have no power to introduce the nimble "kangaroo."

Look ridiculous

In the last Parliament the committee system was made to look ridiculous by the obstructionist tactics adopted by opponents of the Totalisator Bill, against which a combination, as it was called, of "bookies and bishops" talked hundreds of thousands of words, and nearly succeeded in keeping the Bill so long in committee that there was no time left for its subsequent stages.

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For dealing with national revenue and expenditure the House of Commons constitutes itself—the whole 615 again—as a Committee of Ways and Means, to decide how the money is to be raised, and as a Committee of Supply to decree how it is to be spent.

It is in Committee of Ways and Means that the Chancellor of the Exchequer introduces his Budget.

It is the Committee of Supply which discusses the estimates of the various departments. Only twenty days are allowed each year for this purpose, though by a resolution of the House three more days may be added.

Millions in a flash

In the time allowed it is impossible to make anything like a detailed investigation of the expenditure proposed, and the plan adopted is that the Opposition Parties select the subjects on which they think discussion is most necessary.

In this way debates on important matters of policy take place.

But at the end of the twenty days there are many estimates which have not been discussed at all. They are simply taken one by one and put to the vote.

At the end of the session of 1928 £234,000,000 was passed in this way without a minute of examination.

There is an attempt of a kind to supervise expenditure, but it is a *post-mortem* method, and therefore any effect it may have on spending is merely a warning not to repeat an extravagance—locking of the stable-door after the horse has been stolen.

The "inquests" are held by what are called the Estimates Committee and the Public Accounts Committee.

They produce reports periodically in which they criticise detailed items of expenditure, dig into some of the unbusiness-like dealings of the bureaucracy—they discovered many amazing examples in connection with war-time buying and selling—and generally endeavour to throw light on financial obscurities.

The members of those committees put in a great deal of hard work which brings no reward. They come into the picture too late. Prevention is much better than cure in this as in other afflictions.

Sweepstake

Another astounding commentary on the bad business methods of the Mother of Parliaments is that it arranges a portion of its work on the principle of the sweepstake.

That M.P.s should ballot daily for tickets which entitle visitors to places in the Strangers' Galleries of the House is no matter, but that the fate of legislation should be decided by the hazard of a number drawn from a box is an amazing anomaly.

Yet this is what happens. At the beginning of the session M.P.s take chances—no one is allowed more than one—in a "prize drawing," which is staged in all solemnity in a committee-room under the direction of the Deputy-Speaker.

A clerk selects numbered slips and another clerk reads out the name of the holder of the lucky number.

And the prizes? A chunk of the time of Parliament which the winner may use to move the second reading of a Bill on any subject he chooses.

What a chance for the cranks! And what hours of valuable time have been wasted by winners who insist in trying to impose on the nation some freak ideas of their own.

The House of Commons spends an hour each day with the exception of Fridays satisfying curiosity.

The question-hour is a useful check on administrative mistakes, but it is an expensive luxury when one examines the type of queries which so often appear.

Mr. Bonar Law estimated that it cost a guinea to answer a question in the House. The figure works out probably at less now.

The daily average of questions is about eighty, so that the sessional cost is a respectable sum.

Even so there are constant demands that more time should be given to questions.

One member asked nearly 800 questions last session. His curiosity cost the country twice his salary.

When members complain about the small amount of time available for legislation, it is only occasionally that a suggestion is made to curtail the Parliamentary holiday.

Normally the House rises at the end of July or early in August and does not resume again till November. It has, perhaps, a six weeks' holiday at Christmas, a month at Easter, and a week or two at Whitsun.

Indeed, allowing for Saturday and Sunday off, it does not put in six months in the year.

It is difficult to justify such holidays when there is legislative duty to be done.

The possibility of Parliament reforming itself is remote. Many people have remedies which, however, would touch only the fringe of the matter.

If there is to be reform, there must first be a comprehensive enquiry.

Why not give the task to someone like Viscount Ullswater, who, better than anyone else, knows the difficulties of the Commons over which he presided for so long as Mr. Speaker Lowther?

Way to reform

For the time being he is preoccupied with the Electoral Enquiry. But put him or some other of standing and experience at the head of a commission.

Let the commission be composed of business men, who will not—like the Parliamentarian—be strangled by tradition, custom and convention.

The reform of Parliamentary procedure will have to be tackled soon, or the public will insist upon some other form of government that is less wasteful and more effective.

Art Treasures Presented Free

It is pleasing to think in these days—when the windmill is rapidly disappearing from the English countryside—that Rembrandt should have left a lasting picture of such great beauty as "The Mill." With the deft and definite touch of the superlative genius, this picture carries with it the romance of the old and perfect method of wheat milling. In 1911 this art treasure was sold to an American millionaire for the enormous sum of £100,000.

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Real Life Stories—*by famous Authors*

"I nearly fell off my horse when one of the elder men said to me: "'Amos Bendle is settin' up the drinks in the Olive Branch saloon!'"

Illustrated by Greenup

An Abandoned Claim

by HORACE ANNESLEY VACHELL

THE story which I here tell happened more than forty years ago, when I was a young man ranching in Southern California. The elder people are dead, but, out of consideration for their children, I have changed names of persons and localities.

My brother and I were living in a remote "cow country," reasonably near to a happy valley, rich in alluvial soil, where a few settlers were cultivating Brobdingnagian vegetables and deciduous fruits.

Among the settlers we found an old Englishman who, as a boy, had wound up the clocks at my grandfather's place in Staffordshire.

He made us "acquainted" with other settlers, who cocked twinkling eyes at English saddles and what went with them.

Inasmuch as we were planting out a large apricot and prune orchard, we were anxious to glean what information we could from more experienced horticulturists.

The most successful was Ira Bendle, who tickled our humour because he was inordinately proud of his own possessions; and everything, as he told us solemnly, was "paid for."

Credit at that time was fluid in a very dry country, but Ira refused to borrow money or anything else. We respected him because he was sensible and straight in his dealings. There was no harder worker in the valley.

We may have known him more or less intimately for two years when we learned that he had married his elder brother's widow, a massive person who cooked admirably.

When we met her first, she was the mother of several children, and two were the children of the elder brother. But Ira treated them, as he treated his own, with unvarying kindness.

In every sense of the word he was a "family" man. Gossips said, but not unkindly, that Ira had married his brother's widow on account of her cooking. Nothing surprising, that. But—so the same gossips added—she had more in her stocking than a good leg.

Later, from the same bubbling source, we heard that Amos, the elder brother, had been drowned at sea during a whaling expedition; but Ira never mentioned his brother's name to us. Why should he? And his brother's two children always addressed Ira as "Pop."

We called him "Pop" when we came to know him well, because his manner was so paternal. He "allowed" that we were likely to come to grief, being tenderfeet and, to his thinking, "kid-glove" farmers.

I'm afraid the good advice he bestowed upon us was wasted, but not Mrs. Bendle's toothsome stews.

Here I must stress the point that in those days it was not "healthy" to interfere with another man's private business—which holds good in all new countries.

I think, but I am not quite sure, that the Bendle brothers crossed the plains as boys in the early 'fifties. I fancy they came from Maine. It is certain that Amos soon tired of ranching, and went to sea.

Ira had never been to sea. He was a true lover of the land, loth to leave his own fertile acres, eager to acquire more.

Looking back, I recall that we regarded him as one of the right sort, doing the right thing (for him) as well as it could be done.

The chink in his armour was an odd streak of pessimism. My brother affirmed, not altogether in jest, that he could bring tears into Pop's blue eyes by predicting dry years, earthquakes, wireworm, grasshoppers, and what not.

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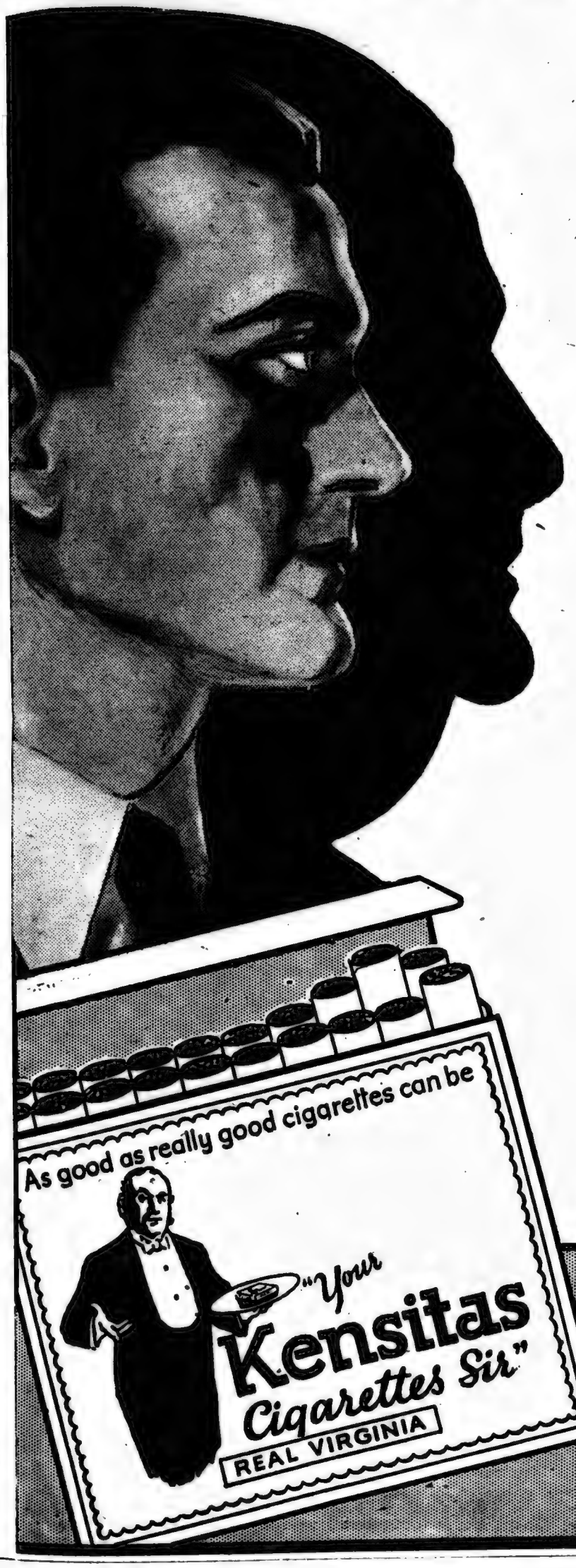
GETTING HEAVY?



Now's the time to avoid that future shadow

ALL men fancy the trim, slender figure of fitness. This is destroyed by eating between meals, the habit which gradually but definitely puts on excess weight—so destructive to speed, so harmful to energy.

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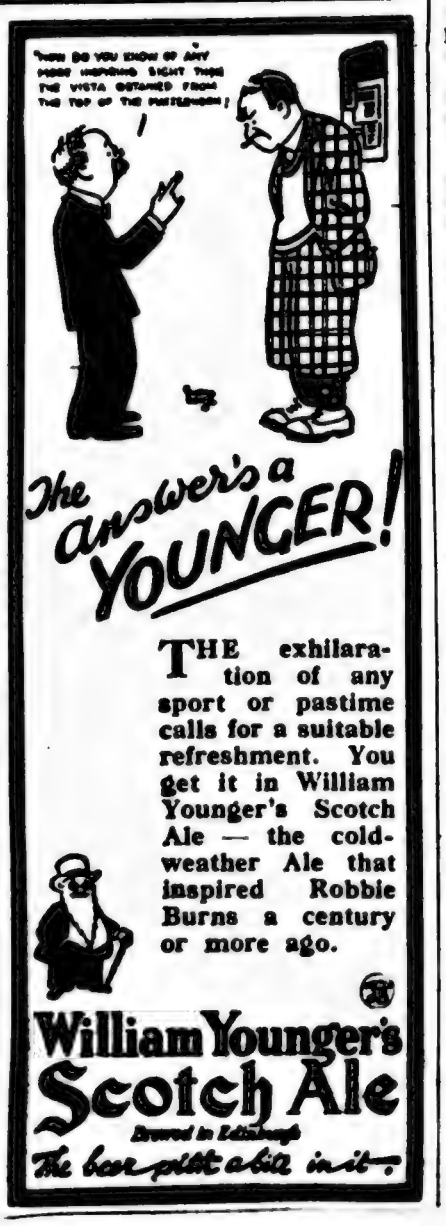

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AN ABANDONED CLAIM—*continued from page 24.*

"Boys," he would say mournfully, "you're dead right. I'm scared stiff of a turn of the luck."

Nevertheless, when diphtheria ravaged our tiny community and children died like flies, Ira's children were spared. Having artesian water, he became even more prosperous after a dry year spelling temporary ruin for many of his neighbours.

ONE morning I rode into the village and became aware that something exciting had taken place. I nearly fell off my horse when one of the elder men said to me:

"Amos Bendle is settin' up the drinks in the Olive Branch saloon—!"

Yes. Amos had not been drowned. He had returned, after an absence of fifteen years, to the bosom of his family.

Now, if this were not a true story, any author would be tempted to assign some reason for his resurrection.

It would be so easy to portray Amos as marooned on a desert island, or the prisoner of a tribe of savages, unable to return home, unable to send any reassuring message.

I saw Amos a few minutes later. He had the blue eyes of Ira and the same sturdy, stocky figure. I had no speech with him then. He was "celebrating," inviting all and sundry to "come up," exclaiming joyously that it was his "shout."

And throughout the village startled men were asking the question: "Say, what the hell will Ira do about this?"

Before I rode back to the ranch I learned how Amos had explained his absence and silence.

He had abandoned whaling long ago, signing on as mate in a "windjammer," which wandered here and there from one South Sea island to another.

He had become in time part-owner and captain; he had made and lost money trading in copra, guano, and pearl oysters. He had always intended to write home—to-morrow, *mañana!*

You can't judge such a man by ordinary standards. There was the tang of the Pacific about him. The salt was in his skin and in his speech.

What he said to me shall be set down presently; what he said to others was repeated, passing from one gaping mouth to another.

It had never occurred to him that his wife would marry again; he had hated the idea of coming back without money; he had stuck to his job till he had made enough to secure a welcome home and three rousing cheers.

UP to this point the amazing thing to us was the acceptance of this statement by the community as adequate.

But we were agog with curiosity to find out what had passed between the brothers *when they first met.* And what, in the name of the sphinx, had Mrs. Bendle said or done?

Nobody had heard of Enoch Arden.

Curiosity remained at boiling-point. Every man in the village "wanted to know"; but it was agreed that both Amos and Ira would settle this family affair without outside interference.

The ladies kept on repeating feverishly, "Whose wife is she?" The local Justice of the Peace, Judge Swope, surmised that Ira had jumped another man's claim.

The sage of the village, Professor Bunsaker, dentist, apothecary, and professor of caligraphy and phrenology, shocked the ladies by declaring that the brothers had each an undivided interest in Mrs. Bendle.

Happy Jake, our tinhorn gambler, suggested a double throw with dice, or a hand at poker, as a practical solution of a difficult problem.

Meanwhile Ira was seen pruning his fruit-trees as usual.

Here the reader may pause to reflect what he or she would have done under similar circumstances. Again, if this were fiction, I should set down half a dozen conversations showing as many different points of view.

Next week:

A popular humorist,

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"The Embarrassing Bridesmaid"

Being a true story, I have to admit that (so far as I know) the village marked time.

Everybody waited to see what would happen; everybody predicted that there might be "trouble" between two husbands, because Mrs. Bendle was such a good cook.

My brother and I agreed that Amos must go back to sea. But, as it turned out, Amos had no intention of doing anything of the sort.

HIS mind was set upon buying land, building a small cottage, and "raising" the enormous cabbages, pumpkins and onions for which the valley was famous.

I did have a word with the barkeeper of the Olive Branch saloon, an old friend, a man with experience of many men and many cities.

"Does anybody know," I asked him, "what Ira is going to do?"

Ulysses shook his head.

"I've a notion," he replied, "that Ira would pull his gun if any darned fool asked him that. Amos, I reckon, would look around for a marlinespike. He's still hefty, is Amos. None of our business anyway."

He conveyed the sense of the community.

Do we come now to climax or anti-climax? We were holding a watching brief for Ira, *who made no sign.* Amos had achieved popularity in the village.

The ladies, not unblushingly, declared that Mrs. Bendle would be "hunky-dory" living with either brother—a tribute to both.

Cynics whispered that the man who was the best "fixed" might exercise the greater lure, which I repudiated as unfair to Mrs. Bendle. What drove us crazy with curiosity was the fact that Amos was seen again and again entering Ira's house.

Eventually—and this is where truth bankrupts fiction—Amos bought land opposite to his brother's place, built him a small house, and settled down cosily—*and alone!*

Nothing happened; nothing was "done."

I am not concerned with the ethical side of this situation. It was admitted that Amos behaved like a white man. To use an expression unknown west of the Rocky Mountains, *he had played the game.*

IRA had "jumped" an abandoned claim. It was only right and proper that he should be left in undisputed possession of it.

Long afterwards, over a friendly glass Amos enlightened me in regard to his point of view.

I can put down his words verbatim, but it would tax the art of Belcher to reproduce the whimsical countenance, the guileless expression, and the slightly deprecating smile of our ancient mariner, when he put me "wise" to his hitherto suppressed feelings and sensibilities.

"I done a fool thing. Yes, sir, I slipped up. I put off to to-morrow what did oughter be done to-day. Built that way, I reckon. Never entered my crazy pate as how Mis' Bendle might take a notion to marry Ira. Glory be! She did."

"You are *glad* she married Ira?"

"Why, sure! Hell 'd hev popped, if she'd married *you.* I never suspicioned that Mis' Bendle might reckon me dead.

"Someways, after many close calls, I got the idee that I couldn't be spared yet awhile. Mind ye this, I left Mis' Bendle with two babes an' cash in bank.

"An' here's another thing. Ira says to me afore her: 'Now, don't you worry, Amos, 'bout Asphodel. 'cos I'll keep a weather eye on *her*—which he done.'

"So I weighs anchor with an easy mind and a fair wind astarn. Foul winds lay ahead. For years I was under-dog. Not a darned thing pleasant to write home about, an' I jest hated to crawl back—*licked!*"

I nodded. Presently he went on:

"When the luck turned, I used to lie awake nights a-thinkin' o' my return with dollars enough to make a real, high-toned lady o' Mis' Bendle. I aimed to *sur*-prise her. Thunder an' Mars! Didn't she *sur*-prise *me*—! An' them other kids all a grinnin' at Uncle Amos! An' Ira a-blubberin' fit to oust hisself."

"But I says as how everything has turned out for the best. I'm livin', so ter speak, with the family, but I don't hev to support 'em; an'—this is no small thing, either—every week I takes my Sunday dinner with the folks.

"When I married Mis' Bendle, she was no beauty, but she could cook to the Queen's taste, an'—glory be, again!—she can still."

I grasped his horny hand and went my way.

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WHAT did Asphodel think about it? She was a silent woman, lethargic, a traveller along lines of least resistance.

Mrs. "Judge" Swope gave me to understand that she *knew* what Mrs. Bendle thought about it. I can repeat her words without vouching for their accuracy:

"Mis' Bendle played 'possum. We hev to allow that she was up a gum-tree. But she told me that Ira, a bit of a Paloo' Chiny hog, thinkin' o' the trough, like most men folks, was sot in his ways, an', times, none too cheerful.

"Mis' Bendle thinks that she'd ha' relished another change o' pardners, but fer mercy's sake don't you ever let on as I said so. It is a fact that Amos, when he comes around, brightens up the hull outfit."

Regretfully, we must leave it at that.

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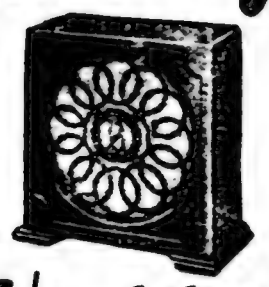

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HAS anyone ever had the temerity, the effrontery, to call badger-digging a sport? They have. They do. They will again. God help them!

Let us tell you first something about the badger if you are not well acquainted with him.

The badger is the last of the British bears—or, at least, he looks it. Certain pundits maintain that he is a weasel—but what weasel ever weighed thirty to forty pounds?

True he has a weasel's head and nose, but he has a bear's habits.

He eats honey and roots like a bear, he digs out wasps' nests and wild bees, he grubs up beetles and adores an occasional young rabbit—all of which is bear-like and does no harm to anyone.

He has a shambling gait and inoffensive habits. He digs an enormous underground system of caves, which are called a "sett," and lives in them.

He is scrupulously clean, even to the extent of digging a separate latrine to each sett and changing his bedding frequently.

He loves moonlight rambles and lays up and sleeps in really cold weather. His coat is thick and bristly, and no good for anything but shaving-brushes.

His teeth are sharp and his tenacity of life amazing. He is slow to anger and hard to kill. He can dig a yard a minute and bite a man's ankle in half.

He is utterly valueless as a commercial product, and his only by-product is bristles.

Stays out late

He is, in fact, utterly unproductive, entirely picturesque, exceedingly venerable and altogether harmless. He is a bit of Old England who deserves a National Trust all to himself for his own preservation.

And this is what happens to him, mostly from this time of the year on to February and March.

First of all, hounds chop him in covert. He stays out late and goes home in the dawn, only to find his sett stopped up and to meet a pack of fox-catchers who catch him instead.

That is all right. It is one of the ordinary risks of life; also, if you like, it is a punishment for all-night dissipations.

You cannot blame the hounds, and as for the badgers, comparatively few of them die that way.

The badger-digger is a very different fellow. His weapon is a spade and his courage is confined to his terriers.

Clout on the head

For him the ardours and perils of the chase consist in digging out the wretched badger, and then, with singular bravery, clouting him on the head with a club or cleaving his skull with a spade.

That is the way of the simple, direct badger-digger. The fellow who is an artist, a man with a divine touch of imagination, a sportsman of the first water, first of all sends down his terriers.

The terriers, game little fellows, weighing perhaps 15 lb., and as full of pluck as their master is of prudence, descend into the labyrinth of subterranean workings, where the badger, with teeth like chisels and a hide like a sea-boot, waits with his back to the wall to show them what is what.

He is, in fact, a typical Englishman defending his castle.

Putting a terrier to ground—"the game little fellow descends into the labyrinth, where the badger, with teeth like chisels, waits with his back to the wall"

Imagine the fight in that pitch-black, underground cavern of nightmare bloodshed.

The terrier, half blind in the dark, attacks an animal twice his size, twice his strength, twice his ferocity—when roused—and twice as thick-skinned.

The dog tackles this Goliath simply because a two-legged fool up above has taken advantage of his (the terrier's) blind belief in the goodness and wisdom of man to make him the victim of the ghastliest parody of sport.

What happens?

If the badger triumphs, the terrier is either killed underground or drags himself out—torn, battered, bleeding—to lie half dead in the sun, gratefully licking the hand that despatched him on this noble errand, grateful to die because it has shown its master "a bit of sport."

Or a tiger—

The master, you may be sure, would have shown equal pride in attacking a bear in a pitch-black cave or a tiger in a cane-brake.

At least, if you are not sure of it, the terrier is. And happy in this knowledge, he dies.

Sometimes, however, the terrier does not die. Quite frequently he does not.

Often, if there are several of them and they can all get a bite at the badger, he decides to bolt for it.

He does—and is either cracked on the head or bundled into a sack and transported to another district where a few badgers are needed for digging purposes.

This is a favourite trick. It is often known as "preserving the badger." You will meet badger-diggers who will tell you that, but for their altruistic efforts, there would be no badgers. They really believe this.

Then there is the other sort of badger-digger—the imaginative, artistic fellow, who not only bags his badger in a sack, but takes him home.

He puts him in a cage in his backyard and sometimes, when a few more gallant fellows are assembled in his house, they all go out to the stable-yard, chase the badger out of his cage into a long box or a big drain-pipe, and then send the terriers in one by one to "draw" him.

"Drawing" a badger is a fine old sport. It dates from the days when women were burned for witchcraft and men were crucified, when sheep-stealers had their eyes put out, and bishops believed in the black arts.

It is one with bull-baiting and cock-fighting, with the Mohawks and the dog-and-duck ponds. All very primitive and Old English, you will observe.

To draw the badger, it is happily unnecessary to display any physical courage or undergo any pain, danger or hardship. You leave all that to the terriers.

Their job is to go, one by one, up the pipe or tunnel and attack the badger. If he sulks or is frightened it is poor fun.

If he bites a terrier's paw in half, scalps it or tears its eye out, the sport may be justifiably considered excellent.

If, in addition, however, the terrier succeeds in letting quite a large quantity of the badger's blood, then the sport is Olympian, and a good time is had by all.

But the badger should not be killed. He may be maimed, but you must leave him alive. He will do for another time.

Now, for the benefit of intending badger-diggers, it is worth knowing that packs or clubs of badger-diggers actually exist. There are several in Devon, Cornwall and Dorset, Sussex and Hampshire—all through the woodland countries.

Do you wonder that those who shoot and fish and hunt are made the butts of every crank in the country?

Do you wonder that educated but urban people who cannot discriminate between sport and slaughter condemn them and their pursuits equally and impartially?

Do you wonder that in their eyes the game-shooter who gives employment to scores and is the only person to provide an article of food at less than half its cost of production; the angler who is a philosopher, and the wild-fowler who is an artist are all lumped together in one general wave of damnation with these eggers-on of terriers, these knights of the club and the skinning-knife?

Stamp it out!

The badger-digger displays neither courage, science nor hardihood. He runs no risks and he spends little money.

He contributes not a fraction to the national revenue, and he leaves the kicks to the terriers, the risks to the badgers.

If English field-sports are to survive in face of the wave of humanitarianism which is sweeping over this country, if they are to endure with the dignity which is their right, they must cleanse their ranks of this parody of sport, this atavistic survival of barbarism.

Badger-digging must be boycotted, made illegal, stamped out.

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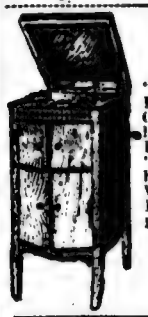

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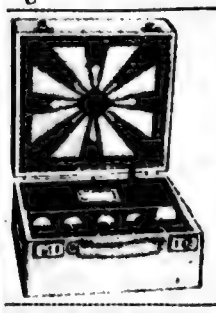

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Three of the world's Big Seven: M. Moreau, France (left); Dr. Schacht, Germany; and—

NEW BANK'S Mystery Directors

HISTORY is to be made in the small Swiss town of Basle—history such as a few years ago would have seemed a fantastic dream.

Here is to be established the International Bank, or, to give it its full title, the Bank for International Settlements, which, although it may seem remote from the business affairs of ordinary men and women, may prove to be fraught with importance in the future of the world and of all people.

This bank, whose plan was hammered out by economists dealing with the complex subject of German reparations and war debts, is an experiment in international co-operation.

It may prove one of the most potent influences for good in the world.

Whether it succeeds or fails, it can hardly help having results, none the less important because they are indirect, upon scores of thousands of ordinary people in Europe, America and the East.

Like many other great experiments, the general public so far knows little about it.

Big part to play

The International Bank, as it was originally proposed, was to be created for the purpose of receiving and distributing the annuities payable by Germany as reparations under the Young Plan.

The experience of the past few years has shown very definitely that no nation can be called upon to pay large sums to other nations without badly upsetting the delicate balance of international finance.

It was therefore decided to create a new organisation which should act as a clearing-house for all reparations.

In this way it was hoped that the machinery of payment and receipt would be made to run more smoothly. Upsets in the economic structure of the nations would be prevented.

With such a constitution, the new bank would have had a powerful part to play in the history of post-war Europe.

Its constitution as finally decided on makes it an infinitely bigger thing

The main clause of its constitution reads:

"The objects of the bank are to promote the co-operation of central banks and to provide additional facilities for international financial operations. . . ."

Gold scramble

In that clause it is recognised that just as politics have outgrown at many points the limitations of purely national treatment, and must be regarded internationally, so also finance must from now onwards be considered from a world standpoint.

The council chamber of the International Bank at Basle will in effect become a Parliament of International Finance.

Here will meet the heads of the central banks of the leading nations

—Mr. George Harrison, America

Their talk, though it will be of such matters as gold movements, money rates, and the rise and fall of exchanges, will have repercussions on industry all over the world, and ultimately on the men and women employed by industry.

During the past few months, we have seen our own bank-rate raised to the highest point for many years, and then reduced after only a brief period, largely because of international factors, such as speculation in America and the fact that France was taking gold in large quantities in order to increase the importance of Paris as a money-market.

Each of these fluctuations in the bank-rate has had its effect on industry.

When purely financial operations in New York or Paris or Berlin can cause men to be thrown out of work in scores of industrial centres in England, the need for closer understanding between the men at the head of these affairs of finance is obvious.

Prevent war

It should prevent one nation fighting against another nation for the possession of gold reserves, just as the League of Nations aims at preventing one nation from fighting against another in actual warfare.

The men who will meet around the board-table of the International Bank present many contrasts.

There is Mr. Montagu Norman, Governor of the Bank of England, aloof, distinguished, very much an autocrat of finance.

Mr. Norman will be very much at home at the board-table of the International Bank, for he has the international mind (too international sometimes, the great British industrialists think for the good of British industry.

Then there is Mr. George Harrison, Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, a man of wide banking experience. Mr Harrison is the business man of banking. He has not much use for the theories of finance unless they are strictly related to the realities of commerce.

As he has shown in his handling of the speculation problem in America, he is not afraid to be ruthless.

Dr. Schacht, President of the German Reichsbank, looks like a schoolmaster; but behind his thick glasses his eyes are steely and determined.

He more than any other man was responsible for stabilising the mark and saving Germany from financial collapse, and he will be a close watcher of Germany's interests at the bank councils.

M. Moreau, head of the Banque de France, will see that France loses nothing by international co-operation. He will guard her interests even more closely, if anything, than Dr. Schacht watches for Germany.

M. Moreau has ambitions to make Paris as important an international monetary centre as London or New York, and he may be expected to bring a certain amount of fire to the bank meetings.

Belgium's banking representative will be M. Louis Franck, Governor of the Banque Nationale de Belgique.

M. Franck is noted for his diplomacy. He has an astute financial mind and much experience.

Then there is the Governor of the Banca d'Italia, M. Stringher, who will try and make sure that Italian nationalism is not eclipsed in world co-operation.

Watch it closely

From the East comes Hisaakira Hijikata, Governor of the Nippon Girko, or Bank of Japan. He has done much to assist Japan to strengthen her position as a great nation and to stave off a crisis during the various financial and commercial upheavals she has known recently.

These seven men hold the banking policy of the great nations in their hands.

Combined, they may be able to forge a new financial instrument of great benefit to trade as a whole.

On the other hand, most of these men have the outlook and attitude of the banker, not of the industrialist.

How contrary to industrial needs that attitude can be has been shown time and time again in the operations of the Bank of England and the bank-rate.

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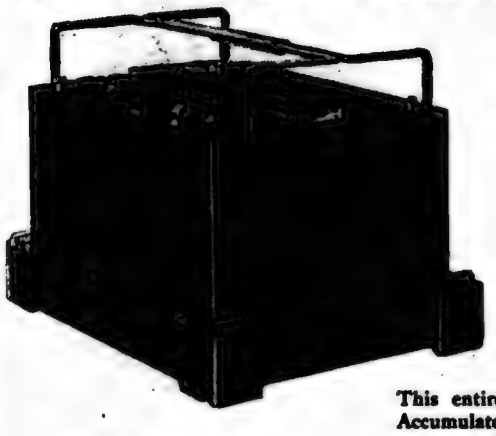

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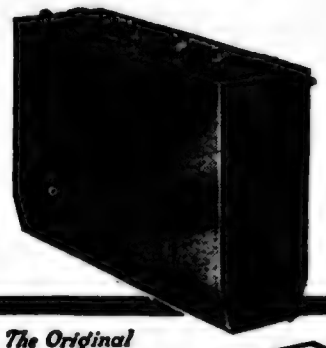

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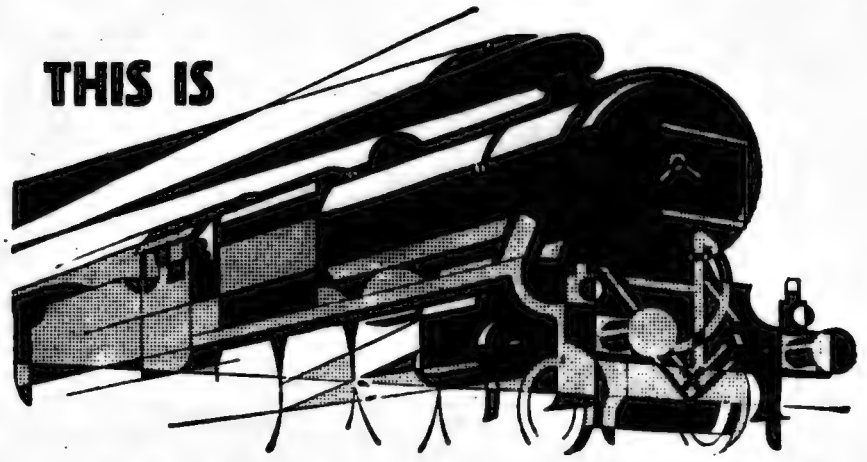

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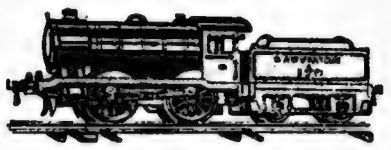

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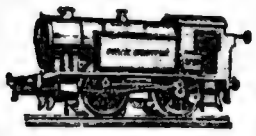

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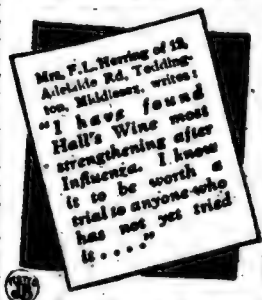

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"Mr. James Glover, the present Tipstaff, did not suspect 'Colonel' Barker was a woman when he made the arrest"

TIPSTAFF of the High Court of Justice—here is one of the most elusive figures in the public life of to-day If you meet him you are either famous and fêted or you are in sore trouble. He is a man at the two ends of life.

On three occasions in the year—the opening of the Law Courts, Hospital Sunday, and the Lord Mayor's Show and Banquet—he emerges from an apparently hermit-like existence and for a fleeting instant takes the stage.

He it is, with his ebony and silver tipstaff in his hand, who meets the judges in all their pomp and finery at Westminster Abbey on the opening day of the courts, and conducts them within the precincts.

He it is who leads the stately procession into the Law Courts and entering the hall announces in dramatic voice:

"The Right Honourable the Lord High Chancellor and His Majesty's Judges!"

He is unique

He it is who conducts the new Lord Mayor into the court to be sworn and out to his carriage.

But between these brief appearances before the world of onlookers his existence has been little known. Does he retire into private life and carry on the drab duties of the ordinary worker?

By no means. True, he drops his ceremonial garb for a civilian suit, but he still remains an important official of the High Courts.

In fact, he is unique. There is only one Tipstaff in the British Isles, and in at least one respect he has higher powers than the police. For he can arrest a man in open court.

His every-day job is the tracking down of absconding bankrupts and defaulting debtors, or any person guilty of contempt of court.

His dealings, in a word, are with the mild miscreants of the civil courts. If a person neglects to comply with a judge's order the Tipstaff is at once after him wherever he may be hiding in these islands.

Delicate work

He arrests his man and brings him back to Brixton Jail, where the victim is held for forty-two days till he has "purged his contempt," or until the judge sees fit to release him.

This does not mean, by the way, that any debtor can simply liquidate a big debt by going to prison in comparative comfort for forty-two days.

That period merely pays the debt he owed on the judgment summons. He must still continue his payments after release, in default of which another judgment summons and committal order will probably be issued and the Tipstaff will be after him again.

It is delicate work, this tracking down of defaulting debtors.

The Tipstaff is not a policeman, and until he produces his warrant the victim is sometimes inclined to underestimate his powers or to attempt an evasion which he would never dare in the case of the police.

It would never do for this official to knock at a door and say:

"I am the Tipstaff. Is Mr. Brown at home?"

Mr. Brown would almost certainly be out.

The Tipstaff has to adopt rather more subtle measures. A description of his call would read something like this:

"Is Mr. Brown at home?"

"No. Is it anything important?"

"Yes. A little matter of private business that I wrote to him about some time ago. I've come some distance to see him, and I don't think he'll want to miss me."

"Well, he'll probably be back this afternoon. Who shall I say?"

"Mr. Smith. Suppose I call back about three."

And so the victim, as often as not, "walks into the parlour" quite literally.

Red-hot poker

The Tipstaff asks to see him alone and says: "I have a warrant for your arrest and you must come with me."

He then allows him to fetch any light luggage, and the prisoner usually goes quietly.

In many cases, faced with prison, he pays his arrears direct to the Tipstaff, who does not, by the way, accept cheques. The amount paid, he is again a free man.

Sometimes, of course, there is trouble, as on the occasion when the Tipstaff was threatened by a woman with a red-hot poker in her hand.

It was only after he explained that he would have to arrest her as well if she tried to prevent him from going to her husband in the next room that she calmed down. The husband was as quiet as a lamb.

At other times tragedy stalks behind the Tipstaff.

There was the Somerset solicitor who failed to comply with an order to bring certain documents to court.

Mr. James Glover, the present Tipstaff, went to his house to arrest him for contempt. The solicitor walked upstairs to his room to pack his things, followed at a short distance by the Tipstaff.

As soon as the solicitor got into the room the Tipstaff, still on the stairs, heard him gasping for breath. He rushed in and found the man stretched across the bed, with a cork in one hand and a bottle of prussic acid in the other.

A doctor was summoned at once, but the man who preferred death to a debtors' prison had passed away in ten minutes.

It was the Tipstaff who arrested "Colonel" Barker when he, or rather she, was acting as reception-clerk at the Regent Palace Hotel.

Barker's remark was merely:

"Can I see my wife?"

The "wife" was telephoned for, and the three of them had tea together at the Haymarket Stores before the Tipstaff and Barker proceeded to Brixton.

Neither the Tipstaff nor anyone else suspected that Barker was a woman at the time.

Since these are all civil cases (even absconding bankrupts are not classed as criminals), there must obviously be two sides to many of them.

A North-Country clergyman objected to some of his neighbours building a wall which blocked a pathway to the vicarage.

The vicar considered this right of way belonged to himself and his parishioners. Consequently he knocked the wall down.

He had to give an undertaking not to use the right of way, but continued to do so on the ground that he would be letting down his parishioners by obeying the injunction.

When the Tipstaff came to arrest him for contempt of court, he was the least perturbed of his distressed household, and regaled the official with stories of his former missionary work.

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One man had been getting deeper and deeper into debt, borrowing more and more, as he thought, for the best, until he made the common but colossal mistake of ignoring a judgment summons.

Having heard the Tipstaff was on his track, he foolishly staked his little all, which would have been enough to pay the official, on the proverbial "cert."

The horse was not quite so sure, however, and the foolish fellow had to pay his visit to Brixton.

Two prisoners

One judgment debtor was highly indignant when the Tipstaff came to arrest him.

"It's a bit thick coming after me for the first little slip," he said. "Why, there's an old offender you want been walking about here for months. He's down at So-and-so's now."

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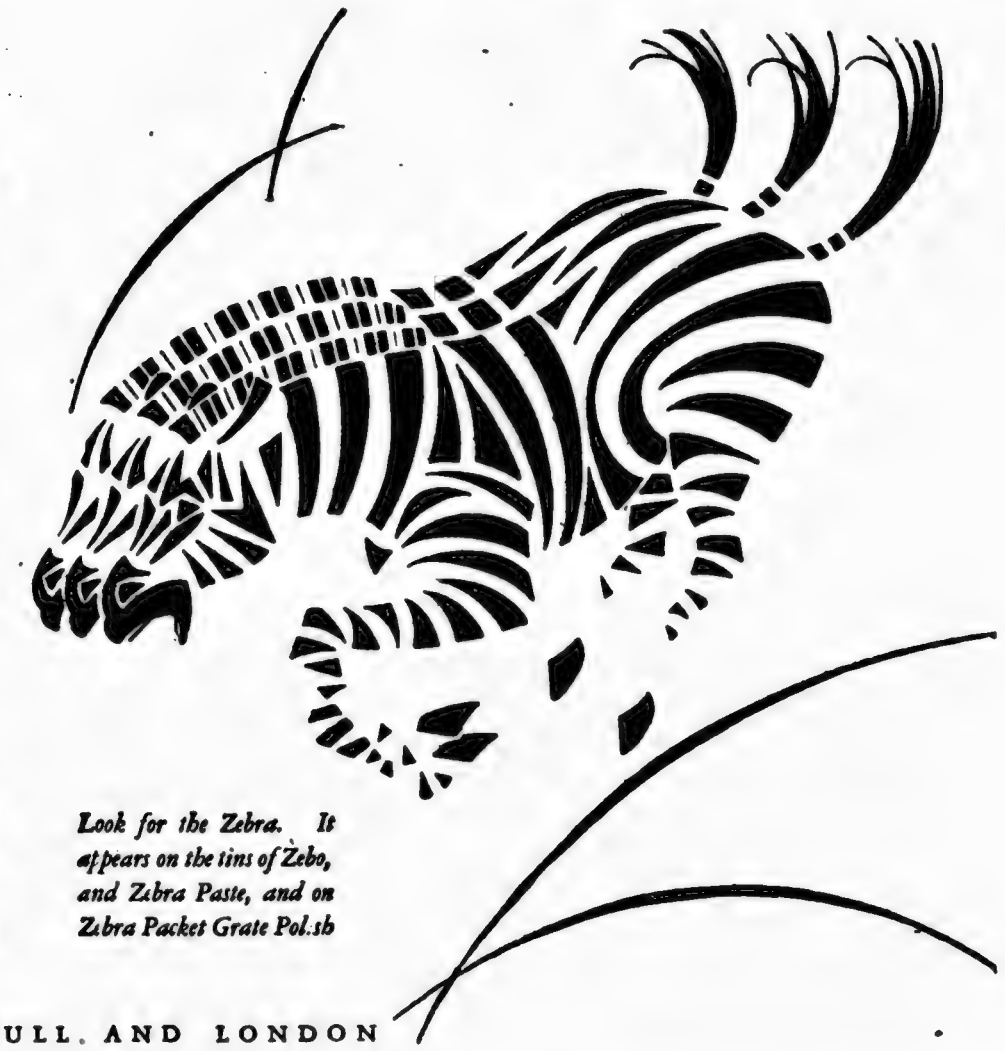

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When, later, he was promoted to a good official position in the asylum we married. We were happy at first, for my husband was kind and generous.

Shortly after our marriage he suggested that a younger brother of his, presently going abroad, should first pay a prolonged visit to our house. I made no demur. I was very happy, for I was expecting my first baby.

My brother-in-law, noticing my condition, seemed worried, and once, when I was alone with him, he blurted out the opinion that it was a great pity that there was to be a child.

Had I not been told the family history? he asked.

Then he disclosed the horrible fact that for generations a streak of insanity had run through their family, sometimes missing a whole family, and then reappearing.

My brother-in-law left next day, and, pondering miserably over his revelations, I finally decided to say nothing to my husband.

My child was born healthy and well. A second girl was born later, and up to now there has never been anything noticeably wrong with either.

Alas! I cannot say the same of my husband. He continues his work, and, so far as I know, conducts his trying duties with dignity.

But at home his behaviour is at times terrifying. His lips roll up into a snarl and he threatens me with violence.

He says that his father managed to drive his mother to an early grave and he will manage to do the same with me—that, he says, is an easy way to get rid of the unwanted.

He says it is quite easy to drive anyone insane, and if I won't commit suicide then he'll see me shut up as an interesting "case."

He talks loudly and incessantly while in the house, and often mutters the whole night through in his sleep. Yet next morning he will again go off, cheerfully sane, to his work.

There is a girl, a young nurse, to whom he is paying great attention, and this has aroused suspicion in my mind.

Is my husband tainted with the insanity which undoubtedly runs in his family, or is he working on my fears to try to ruin my health to get rid of me? And if he himself proves insane, what will become of my kiddies?

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by a signature

A TRAVELLER in expensive jewellery and motor mascots, my business lies chiefly in northern districts, but when a big trade show was recently held in London I was deputed to attend.

Being fresh to London, I am now wondering if all I did and said was wise. One incident is worrying me so much that it is making me ill. It occurred late at night in a restaurant.

My attention was particularly drawn to two who looked like business men. One was at least sixty years of age, and the other about forty-five. They were talking heatedly about something, and glanced at me from time to time.

At last one of them drew a document out of his pocket, and the other, glancing at it, nodded approvingly. The elder then crossed to the table where I sat and explained that his friend had just made his will, and wished to sign it and have it attested forthwith.

He asked me if I would kindly attach my name, occupation and address, as one of the witnesses.

He offered me the document, and I found it simply left to his "dear wife" everything the testator might die possessed of.

I watched the testator affix his signature to the document, added my own, and saw that the man who had asked my aid did the same, adding after his name the word "solicitor."

I was making my way to my hotel when it suddenly struck me that near midnight in a restaurant was a curious time and place for a man in robust health to be making his will, and I hurriedly retraced my steps.

The men had gone, and when I told a policeman of the incident he smiled and said I'd been "very silly," and I had better watch out that I wasn't being "done" in any way.

So far I have heard nothing more, but the mystery of the thing is worrying me sick. For what can I have signed under cover of this very innocuous-looking document?

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Lieutenant

NOW an elderly woman, I adopted the orphaned son of my sister. The boy followed the tradition of my family and entered the Army. He is now a lieutenant.

My home is on the edge of an old garrison town, and recently my boy was stationed there.

Opening my home to the boy and his friends, my satisfaction in his career was soon terribly dashed. He has become entangled with a married woman, a handsome vamp of the worst type.

To gratify her whims and vanities, my boy got into such debt that I had to borrow £500 to release him. Yet no sooner was he free than he went the pace harder than ever.

He risks snubs and cuts by trying to take this woman with him into society where otherwise she would have no hope of entrance.

Please advise me how to bring this disgusting alliance to a dead end.

"HUMANIST" says: Your adopted son's head has evidently been turned by association with this woman and by the amenities of a garrison town.

If you are really determined to save him from himself get his commanding officer to exchange him into a regiment serving abroad. It might make a man of him.

Football Forecasts

FOLLOW JOCK RUTHERFORD

Matches played on December 7

FOOTBALL LEAGUE.—Division I.
Birmingham v. Manchester City.
BLACKBURN R. v. Leeds United.
Grimsby Town v. Everton.
HUDDERSFIELD TOWN v. Portsmouth.
LEICESTER CITY v. Derby County.
LIVERPOOL v. Burnley.
Manchester U. v. Bolton W.
Middlesbrough v. Sheffield Wed.
Newcastle U. v. ASTON VILLA.
Sheffield United v. ARSENAL.
WEST HAM U. v. Sunderland.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE.—Division II.
BARNSLEY v. Stoke City.
BLACKPOOL v. Wolverhampton W.
BRADFORD v. Hull City.
BURY v. Bradford City.
CHELSEA v. Swansea Town.
MILLWALL v. Bristol City.
Notts Forest v. Cardiff City.
OLDHAM A. v. Preston North End.
Southampton v. Notts County.
TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR v. Reading.
WEST BROMWICH A. v. Charlton A.

Division III. (South).
BRENTFORD v. Luton Town.
BRIGHTON AND HOVE v. Walsall.
Bristol Rovers v. BOURNEMOUTH.
CLAPTON ORIENT v. Southend U.
COVENTRY CITY v. Exeter City.
MERTHYR TOWN v. Norwich City.
NEWPORT COUNTY v. Gillingham.
PLYMOUTH ARGYLE v. Fulham.
SWINDON T. v. Queen's Park R.
Torquay United v. Crystal Palace.
Watford v. NORTHAMPTON.

Division III. (North).
Barrow v. Lincoln City.
CARLISLE U. v. Rotherham U.
CREWE A. v. Accrington Stanley.
NELSON v. Rochdale.
NEW BRIGHTON v. Doncaster R.
PORT VALE v. Chesterfield.
SOUTHPORT v. South Shields.
STOCKPORT C. v. Hartlepools U.
WIGAN BOROUGH v. Halifax Town.
Wrexham v. Tranmere Rovers.
York City v. DARLINGTON.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.—Division I.
ABERDEEN v. Hibernians.
AYR UNITED v. Morton.
CELTIC v. St. Mirren.
COWDENBEATH v. Clyde.
Dundee United v. Falkirk.
HEARTS v. Airdrieonians.
MOTHERWELL v. Kilmarnock.
QUEEN'S PARK v. Hamilton Acad.
RANGERS v. Dundee.
St. Johnstone v. PARTICK THISTLE.

Division II.
ALBION ROVERS v. St. Bernards.
Alloa v. Queen of the South.
Brechin City v. THIRD LANARK.
Dumbarton v. Arbroath.
FORFAR ATHLETIC v. East Fife.
KING'S PARK v. Dunfermline A.
LEITH A. v. East Stirlingshire.
RAITH ROVERS v. Armadale.
STENHOUSEMUIR v. Bo'ness.

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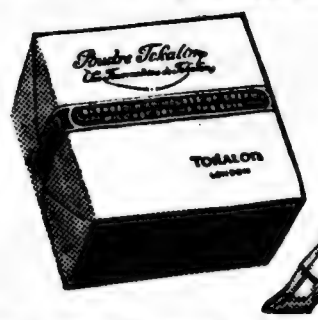

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Important Correction in

ROBERTSON'S MINCEMEAT ("GOLDEN SHRED" BRAND) Advt. in Nov. 30 Issue.

A printer's error in the above advt. in last week's issue of JOHN BULL made the recipe for "A jolly good Mincepie" to include 7 lb. lard. This should have read **¼lb. lard.**

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My Best Example of the Christmas Spirit

It is impossible to fix extensions throughout the plant owing to its scattered nature.

My most urgent need is an invention which will transmit messages from the office to a portable receiver carried in my pocket.

The time wasted in locating me, my return to the office, and the interruption of the work on hand, not forgetting the strain on one's temper, is appalling.—*Timesaver, Renfrew.*

Painless Births

An invention we women could very well do with is one to enable painless confinements. We risk our lives bringing children into the world.

Surely the "big brains" in the medical profession could invent something to make it at least a painless proceeding.

Perhaps this will come to pass when more mothers are doctors.—*Mother of Three, Chester.*

Washing Up

People talk about the benefit of "enjoying a meal"; but my enjoyment oozes away thrice daily at the thought of the washing-up that must follow.

Every dirty plate or spoon sends another shudder down my back and upsets my contentment of mind.

Indeed, the sight of anyone needlessly "dirtying" anything arouses murderous impulses.

Even Christmas dinner is a nightmare, when I am haunted by a vision of myself having depression, backache and indigestion as I bend over the sink.—*M. H., Hunts.*

MAN boasts of his power to fly, with every reason, but when he does so, he is accompanied by a deafening crescendo of noise. It is the same with motor-cycles.

The new invention that I and everybody else needs most is a cheap attachment which will effectually silence all internal combustion engines.

How much happier and healthier the world would be if the noise of modern traffic could be reduced to a minimum!—*Deafened, Durham.*

"Talkie" Novels

Recently I read of an invention whereby the spoken word could be mechanically printed. My ideal invention is the exact reverse—a machine which would speak the printed words.

After a long day's work, what comfort it would be to rest my weary limbs, in a comfortable chair, in a cosy room and a subdued light, while the machine read to me the latest Edgar Wallace thriller or an educational volume.

Another benefit would be added to the human race—second sight to the blind.—*James Quinn, Tollcross.*

When Winter Comes

Living in a post-war, jerry-built house, with flimsy pipes throughout, I have forgotten what it is to escape a winter without bursts through frost.

I think it should be possible to invent a safety device to give scope to the expansion which causes bursts, and which could be fitted without much expense.—*M. H., N. Wales.*

X-Ray for All

The new invention most needed by me, a doctor with an extensive practice in an industrial area hard hit by trade depression, is a really cheap and portable X-ray apparatus.

It would be used both for diagnosis and treatment of those of my patients who are too ill to journey to the local hospital for this purpose.

At the present time, owing to the high cost of the apparatus, radiography of bed-ridden patients is only attainable by people of means.—*Panel, Northampton.*

That Murky Devil

With all the great inventions of modern times there is still one required.

The great liners, locomotives, motors, etc., still can be rendered practically useless at times for lack of this invention. The great airships and air-liners are as mere toys on occasions waiting for this invention.

Doctors and surgeons can work wonders: they cannot contend with this.

The great city of London must cease its bustle, the liners and locomotives slow down, the air wonders stand fast until an inventor saves us from fog.—*G. F. Higgs, Lambeth, S.W.*

Down the Mine

A better light for a miner, one that does not have to be carried about everywhere I go.

It would be welcomed by many thousands of miners in the country, who would be able to walk about the pit, and not have to carry a lamp about wherever they go.—*Miner, Bursiem.*

For the Maimed

I think collapsible crutches would be a welcome invention. Thousands must have had similar experience to mine with the ordinary ones.

Sitting down indoors they are "always in the way"; lying by one's side somebody is likely to trip over them; if they stand up within reach they roll or slide down, with the same result.

I suggest a telescopic arrangement, two or three sections, which, extended to full length, release plugs held by springs, thus making the whole rigid until, the springs released by force, they "collapse" and may repose under one's chair.—*Cripple, Beds.*

Marconi Boys, Get Busy!

An assistant works manager, I am frequently called from some remote part of the works to deal with telephone calls regarding business.

Damn that Stud!

No invention would be hailed with greater delight by every class of mankind than elimination of that elusive, provocative, necessary evil, the collar-stud.

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Could not something be done to banish eternally this originator of many causes of domestic strife?—*A. J. S. M., Worthing.*

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Gadgets

Something much lighter and safer than a "pair of steps."—*Housekeeper, Edinburgh.*

Some sort of sling to put round heavy horses while we body-crushed farriers are shoeing them.—*Farrier, Kirkcaldy.*

A horseshoe that will prevent horses slipping on the road, or a material used for road-mending that will wear rough, not smooth.—*O. M. Wade, Suffolk.*

Buckets that would roll along on castors or runners, to save lifting.—*Servantless Housewife, Glos.*

A mechanical shovel and spade cleaner would prove a boon to me, and to numerous other labourers, navvies and excavators.—*H. E. Ayling, Sussex.*

When the penny-slot meter is exhausted all gas-jets to automatically turn off.—*M. Fulcher, Worcester.*

A cheap, hard-wearing, washable cloth for making clothing for men and boys.—*A. Sturdy, Leeds.*

A clothes-dryer, possibly a flat, cupboard arrangement, to fit in a scullery, that will dry things quickly.—*P. Storin, Leicester.*

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Portable household baths, with a hole in the bottom and a plug, thereby saving much heavy lifting.—*Mrs. E. Garrott, Kent.*

That which would enable me to cross the roads in safety.—*Shanks, Northants.*

Race with "Silver Ring"

My Winning Week-Enders

Beeby may saddle Delarue

ALTHOUGH one of my correspondents desires to boil me in oil because Baytown was third, instead of being first, in the Derby Cup, a number of "bouquets" came my way as a result of the final flutters on the Flat given in JOHN BULL.

Only three horses were mentioned. Pard won at 100 to 14, Triptych obliged at 7 to 1 and Lemoria was unplaced.

The fate of my first code selection of the jumping season proper, Colliery Band, emphasised the truth of that trite little saying: Your money is in the air.

Colliery Band, full of running, came to the last fence six lengths clear of his nearest opponent, and then toppled over.

The losses, in this particular instance, are only lent.

Several systems for the winter campaign have been sent to me with a request that I publish the best.

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Back all horses placed first, second or third on the first day of a meeting which are pulled out on the second day. No horse is given a second contest within twenty-four hours unless, in the opinion of his owner and trainer, he stands an outstanding chance.

A fine programme has been arranged for Sandown Park and, at first glance, finding winners does not look easy. I suggest the market tip—the favourite—for the Bookham 'Chase.

Delarue may repeat his victory of twelve months ago in the Sandown 'Chase, but he will not be a 100 to 7 chance again. Blue Mist should capture the Annual Hurdle Race.

"JOHN BULL'S" CODE

The code for this week is as follows. It covers the racing from Thursday, December 5, to Wednesday, December 11.

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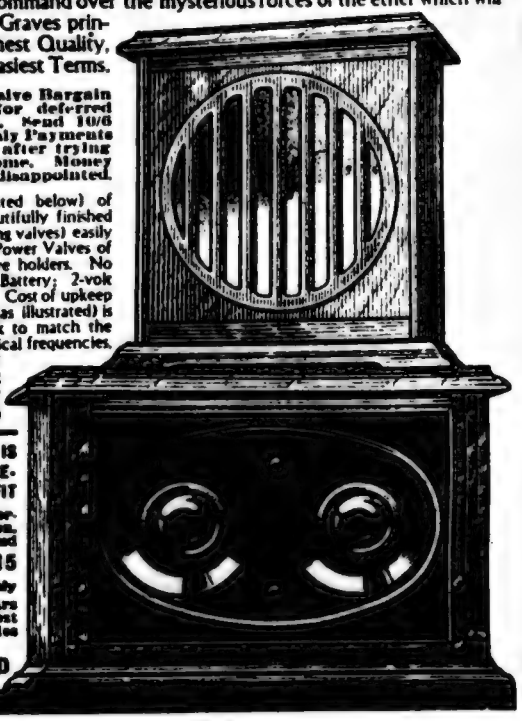

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"JOHN BULL" will pay £500 for a correct solution on one form of JOHN BULL Crossword No. 42 appearing below. Failing a correct solution, the prize will be awarded to the reader whose entry is the nearest correct solution. An additional £50 will be divided between those competitors whose solutions contain one error only or only one error more than the winning solution. Every reader has an equal opportunity—no competitor may send in more than one sixpenny double entry—entry fee Sixpence for TWO attempts. No claims required. No entries accepted after Thursday (noon), December 12th.

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1. Fill in puzzle opposite **IN ORDINARY INK**, not copying ink or copying ink pencil, sign your name and write your address in BLOCK CAPITALS. Cut out coupon, place it with a Postal Order value sixpence in an envelope bearing 1½d. stamp and post to **"John Bull," Crosswords (No. 42), 31, Long Acre, London, W.C.2 (Comp.)**, so as to reach us not later than noon on Thursday, December 12th.

Entry **MUST** be sent by post.

2. Postal Orders must be made payable to Odhams Press Ltd. and crossed & Co.; and the date of sending the order complete with the name and address of competitor, must be written on the back. The number of the Postal Order must be written in the space provided in the Entry Form. Stamps cannot in any circumstances be accepted.

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4. In the event of a tie the £500 prize will be divided between those competitors whose coupons are correct or contain fewest errors, but no competitor shall receive more than one share. Competitors should note that errors are computed according to the number of words which incorrectly answer the clues given.

5. Mutilated or altered Entry Forms will be disqualified. Solutions must be complete and filled in on Entry Forms provided.

6. No competitor may send in more than the two solutions "A" and "B" provided for on the Entry Forms.

7. The correct solution of the puzzle is known only to the Editor and will be kept under seal until all entries have been received.

8. The result of this competition will be published in the issue of JOHN BULL on sale **Friday, December 27th.** Any competitor who claims to have sent in a solution which is identical with the published solution or contains as few errors as the competitor announced as the £500 prize-winner may have a scrutiny by demanding the same by or before first post, **Tuesday, December 31st,** after which date the prize-money will be dispatched and no claim will be considered.

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11. Entries for this competition must not be enclosed with "Bullets" entries or other correspondence addressed to JOHN BULL.

12. The Editor's decision is final and legally binding in all matters relating to this competition, and acceptance of this condition is an express condition of entry.

13. Employees of Odhams Press Ltd. and members of their families are not allowed to compete.

14. Failure to comply with any of the conditions involves disqualification.

Clues Across.

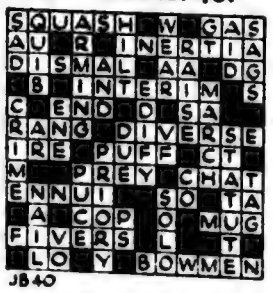
1. **Mailed.** 6. **Gratuity.**
8. **Measure.** 9. **Irritating.**
11. **Particulars.** 13. **Heroic Poem.**
14. **Night brings this to some.**
15. **Go in—and win!**
18. **Military Units.**
23. **Lethal weapon.**
24. **Beer.**
25. **Casket.**
26. **A recorded list.**
27. **Health resort.**
30. **Relating to sight.**
32. **Vapour.**
34. **Poem.**
35. **Boy's game.**
36. **To gape.**
37. **A bump.**
38. **Where goods are exhibited.**

Clues Down.

1. **Makes competition keen.**
2. **Not in.** 3. **Icy rain.**
4. **Frame of mind.**
5. **Necessary for building.**
6. **Make weary.**
7. **Whole.**
10. **Where strength is evident.**
12. **Father.**
16. **Nervous.**
17. **A matter of money.**
19. **Prison.**
20. **Tune.**
21. **Bird's home.**
22. **Not diligent.**
23. **Visitors.**
28. **Musical instrument.**
29. **For carrying loads.**
31. **Found in pods.**
33. **Adult male.**

Chambers's 20th Century Dictionary and Nuttall's Dictionary (latest edition) were used in compiling this puzzle.

Solution of "John Bull" X-Word No. 40.



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Result will be published next week.

The solution of "John Bull" X-word No. 40 is given herewith as matter of interest to our X-word competitors. We wish to emphasise that no claims are required for this X-word as all entries are being carefully examined by our staff.

When you have completed this Crossword try a "Happy X-Word" in "The Passing Show," Friday, 2d, £100 First Prize, £25 for runners-up. THREE attempts for your 6d.

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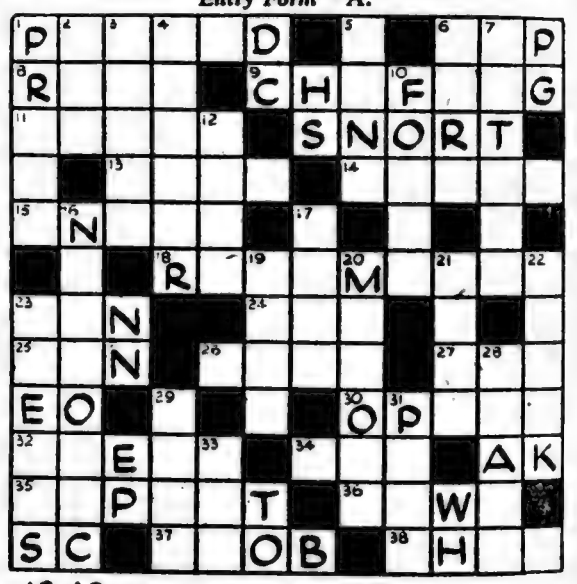

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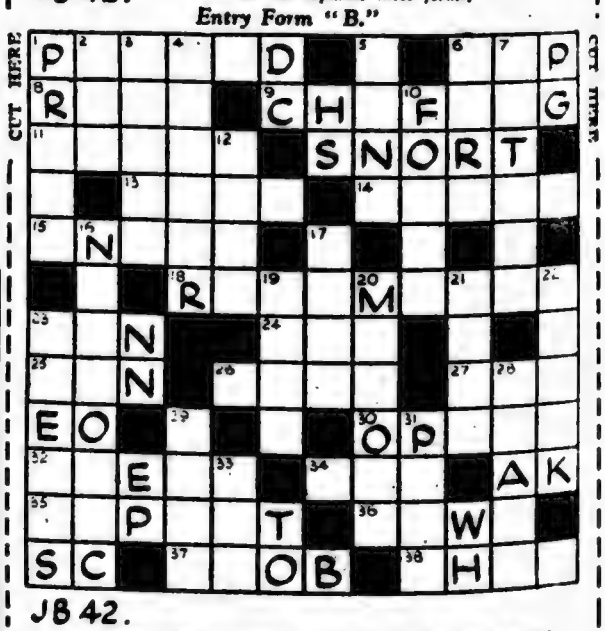

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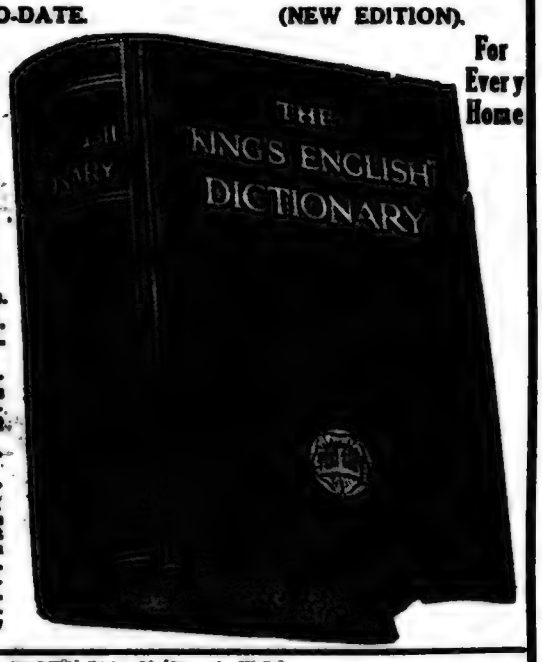

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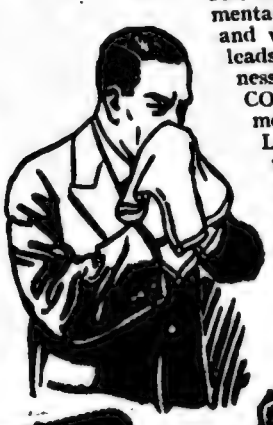

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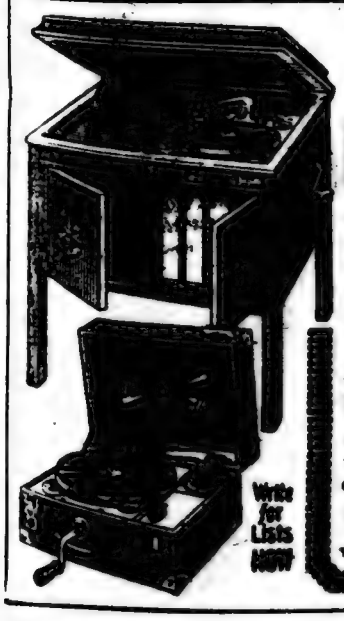

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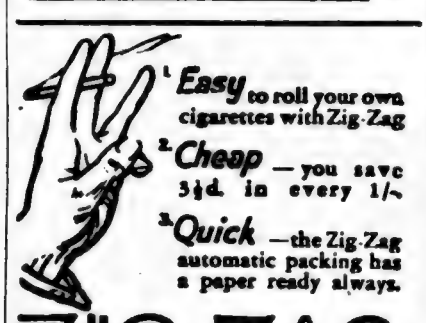
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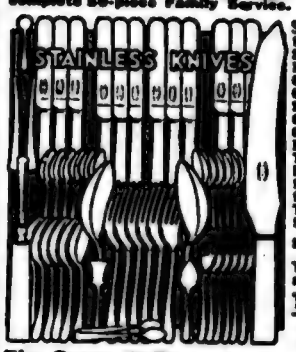

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E. H. (Richmond).—"A game of golf puts me in a fit condition." Or in a condition for a fit?

The EDITOR Replies

A. C. (Coventry).—"My new car has two horns." Do you toss your pedestrians?

E. C. (Eastbourne).—"I am worried to death—I am losing my memory." Never mind; just forget all about it.

M. O. (Littlehampton).—"What will a nice crab for supper cost me?" Insomnia.

S. W. (Luton).—"Furniture comes in cycles, we are told." We thought it was plain vans.

V. S. (Teddington).—"Is the 'g' in margarine soft or hard?" Soft in summer and hard in winter.

H. J. (Kenton).—"My wife thinks a lot about nothing in particular." You're lucky; most wives say it.

N. H. (Ilford).—"I am a masseur, but it's pretty difficult to make a living." Perhaps you rub people the wrong way.

B. O. (Northwich).—"Glasses have made red marks on my nose." Glasses of what?

R. W. (Dunstable).—"The modern woman doesn't marry as young as she used to do." No, she only looks it.

K. P. (Edmonton).—"I have invented a revolving pantry." That ought to make the food go round.

F. N. (Wigan).—"A toy balloon released here went all the way to the South of France." Well, wouldn't you?

J. S. S. (Queensferry).—"I told him to carefully read the instructions—and he accused me of using bad grammar. Why?" The answer's in the infinitive.

G. S. (Yorks).—"I have just been shooting in Scotland and brought down some very good bags." We always thought Scotch gamekeepers wore kilts.

D. L. (Ince).—"A woman soon loses respect for a drunken husband." Yes, the more the glass of beer goes up the more the glass of love goes down.

G. C. (Balham). — "Remember' Balaam, sir, who neglected the warning sent him." And you, sir, remember it was an ass that warned him.

N. J. (Coventry).—"As I was driving my baby-car, it went suddenly dark." You should be careful not to pass under any trams.

A. V. (Tufnell Park).—"There are too many burglaries in London." About how many do you think there should be?

P. M. (Bedford).—"Our town is badly in need of improvement." There's nothing to stop you leaving, is there? That would help.

E. G. (Harrow).—"Insomnia is one of the diseases that can be conveyed from dogs to man." Some people get it from the dog next door.

A. F. (Pinner).—"The Armistice was signed in a railway dining-car." That explains why Peace is such a long time coming.

S. S. (Dover).—"There were fifty-eight earthquakes in one day in Hawaii recently." No wonder these Hula Hula girls dance so well.

D. H. (Colchester).—"Television will make many things possible." Will a spectator at a football-match actually be able to see the game?

F. S. (Wimbledon).—"My doctor tells me that there is no great benefit to be derived from early rising." Anybody could put faith in a doctor like that.

J. T. (Aldershot).—"Microbes live on paper money." So do we.

A. W. (Goole).—"Some barbers are pirates." Yo, ho, ho, and a bottle of bay rum!

K. R. (Northampton).—"Proverbs are often very contradictory." Old saws sometimes cut two ways.

C. H. (Rochester).—"The hairs of our heads are numbered." Do you know where we can get any back numbers?

B. S. (Gloucester).—"My voice carries a long way." You ought to be able to sing carols in safety.

W. G. (Rugby).—"SOS means that someone wants help." IOU means they've got it.

N. L. (Hove).—"What does a married man want with a latchkey?" The courage to come home late and use it.

P. P. (Leeds).—"Can you buy a dog on the hire-purchase system?" Yes—but mind you don't get bitten.

W. M. (Walsall).—"Even in Biblical times it was customary to anoint the head with oil." But not by crawling under the car.

H. C. (Oswestry).—"I could tell by his eyes that he was going to borrow money from me." Had they a sort of stony stare?

T. M. L. (Chorley).—"Who are the people who make up the jokes that go about?" Some of them are in beauty-parlours.

J. D. (Kensington).—"He paid for lunch and I paid for dinner, so I was wondering how we stood." By holding on to each other, we suppose.

C. T. (Amersham).—"The latest fashion is phosphorescent make-up for women." But the luminous dial is an old idea.

H. B. (Preston).—"When my wife presented me with twins I threw my arms round the nurse and kissed her." It's a good job they weren't quadruplets.

MATHILDA (Kilmarnock).—"Matrimony should be the end of every sane man." Usually it's only the end of his sanity.

E. T. (Carrington).—"Give the modern girl an inch and ——." She'll make at least an evening gown out of it.

E. D. (Bodmin).—"Some people spend half their time borrowing things." And the other half in not giving them back.

G. T. (Dover).—"How long will it take me to pick up the piano?" It depends how heavy it is.

R. L. (Kettering).—"I see that the police arrested a man just after he had sung at a concert." Late again!

GEORGINA (Inverness).—"I don't think I shall ever get married. I am unusually plain." And unusually plain-spoken.

E. D. (Southampton).—"A man on trial for murder in New York insists that he is not insane." He must be crazy.

J. B. S. (Cardiff).—"Rheumatism is the worst thing that can attack anyone in the back." What about a two-seater?

P. M. (Faversham).—"We are going to have a very hard winter." After looking at our passbook, we are inclined to agree with you.

E. A. (Oxted).—"You know what happens when a man doesn't go straight home after work." Yes; his wife's remarks do.

J. A. (Millbank).—"Some barbers talk all the time they are shaving you." The others talk all the time they are skinning you.

E. N. (Norwich).—"A happy, contented, comfortable married man ought to have letters put after his name." He has—R.I.P.

J. L. C. (Holborn).—"Our Metropolitan policemen are powerful fellows." So they should be. Think how much traffic they've got to hold up.

MRS. A. (Hebden Bridge).—"My husband is always telling the same good old story." Be thankful he doesn't know any of the others.

C. F. (Southfields).—"I wish I had Carnera's punch." Put a punch in some *Bullets* this week and become the 1,500 Guineas Christmas "Boxer."

N. P. (Pennycuick).—"It's really touching to see some newly married couples." You'll be just as touched when you're married yourself.

C. W. (Mansfield).—"My wife and I got on splendidly for several years, and what do you think happened then?" She returned.

C. T. (Victoria).—"Many London statues are crumbling owing to the climate." So the weather clerk is really a good fairy after all.

F. J. (Newhaven).—"She has her mother's complexion." Her mother ought to know better than to leave it lying about.

R. C. (Epsom).—"Fifteen nations signed the Versailles Peace Treaty." And the only thing they have in common now is the feeling that the other fourteen aren't to be trusted.

MISS M. (Calstock).—"Singing warms the blood." Some makes ours positively boil.

JOHN (Sunderland).—"Perhaps my last letter to you was lost in the post?" Probably; the postman's a pal of ours.

E. H. (Tring).—"Firemen have to turn out fully dressed in thirty seconds." Now we know why there are no firewomen.

B. S. (Cheam).—"It has been decided that a sandwich does not constitute a meal." And very often it does not even constitute a sandwich.

(Many replies unavoidably held over)

Side-Slips

Examples of genuine unconscious humour from the current Press are welcomed. Obvious printers' errors not wanted. Actual cuttings must be sent. 2/6 is paid to the sender of each item published. Mark envelopes "Slip."

PEMBROKESHIRE TELEGRAPH: — "His foot slipped AND FELL a distance of many feet."

BATH AND WILTS CHRONICLE AND HERALD:—"Any person guilty of taking a motor vehicle shall be liable to IMPRISONMENT for a term not exceeding £50."

SMART NOVELS:—"The other man took a cigarette-case from his pocket and LIT IT with steady fingers."

WEEKLY WELCOME:—"He kissed her fingers where they linked UNDER his chin."

"LAWLESS LOVE." (Ivor Hamilton):—"Leyton coughed, then he squarely met the steady GAZE of the young man's HAND."

NEWTON NOTTAGE PARISH MAGAZINE:—"A handsome drawing room was then HANDED to Mr. Partridge."

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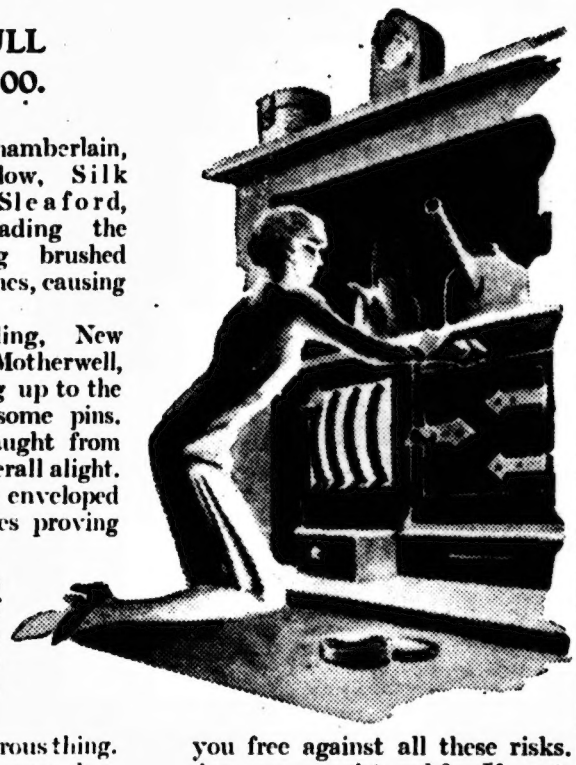

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I agree to enter this competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page. With 1 Coupon, send P.O. for 6d.
Signed _____
Address _____

Cut out each coupon separately.

Example _____ Closing SATURDAY, Dec. 21.
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(741) P.O. No. _____
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Signed _____
Address _____

Bullets must consist of Two, Three or Four Words.

Example _____ Closing SATURDAY, Dec. 21.
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(741) P.O. No. _____
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Signed _____
Address _____

Enter your full name and address on each coupon.

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I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page. With 4 Coupons, send P.O. for 2s.
Signed _____
Address _____

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Xmas Gift Package No. 1, consisting of the famous 5/- "John Bull" Pen; the Free 2/6 silver-plated "Ever-pointed" Pencil, and the Free Presentation Razor Set. Please accept Gift Voucher as One Shilling in part payment of the Pen. I enclose Postal Order for Four Shillings plus sixpence to cover Postage, Packing and Insurance, 4/6 in all.

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NAME .....

ADDRESS .....

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AN IDEAL XMAS BOX WOULD BE?

IN SIX WORDS OR LESS

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NAME .....

ADDRESS .....

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